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Bad weather: IndiGo flight enters Pak airspace

Flight 6E-645 from Amritsar to Ahmedabad went up to Gujranwala, some 100 km from the border, before heading back to Indian airspace. The flight entered Pakistan airspace around 7.30 pm on Saturday. The aircraft was back in Indian airspace at 8.01 pm and landed in Ahmedabad at 9.45 pm. "The deviation was well coordinated with Pakistan by ATC via telephone," the airline said in a statement

Modi calls upon officials to go the extra mile to inculcate public trust in government system

Break hierarchy & learn from all, PM tells babus

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR
@ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday called upon officials to break the shackles of hierarchy and end silos to enhance service delivery.

Inaugurating the first National Training Conclave in Delhi, he highlighted the importance of capacity building and turning challenges into opportunities. Over 1,500 participants drawn from training and research institutes across the country attended the event.

In his speech, Modi emphasised the need for officials to go the extra mile to ensure better service. He said just like the Army has built impeccable credibility in the eyes of the public, officials must inculcate people's trust in the government system.

The PM also highlighted the importance of service orientation of government work, ownership in realising the aspirations of common people and the zeal to improve the system, among other things.

Sharing his experience as Gujarat chief minister and now as the prime minister, Modi said the government faces no shortage of talented, dedicated and experienced people. Dwelling on the vertical and horizontal silos, he urged officials to seek out those with experience 'regardless of hierarchy' to ensure better outcome.

Later, taking to Twitter, the PM said the conclave was scheduled as a part of the government's efforts to learn and serve better.

According to an official statement, the National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building (NPCSCB) - Mission Karmayogi - was launched to prepare a future-ready civil service with the right attitude, skills and knowledge. The conclave is yet another step in this direction, it added.

The conclave had eight panel discussions over various issues related capacity building. Officials from central and state government departments, local bodies, as well as experts from the private sector took part in the deliberations.

Deputy CM DK Shivakumar issues a ticket to a woman in a BMTC bus during the launch of 'Shakti' scheme for free bus travel for women across the state, in Bengaluru on Sunday. CM Siddaramaiah looks on | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

For society to develop, more women must participate in the public sector. This is the only way our country will achieve social development.... — Siddaramaiah, Chief Minister

'Shakti' for women: Free bus ride is here

PURAN CHOUDHARY
@ Bengaluru

THE Congress government on Sunday rolled out the first of its five poll guarantees, the 'Shakti' scheme, which allows women and transgenders to travel for free in non-luxury and non-AC government buses across the state. The scheme was simultaneously launched across the state by respective district-in-charge ministers.

The scheme was formally launched by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar and Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy, who symbolically issued smart cards to five women at Vidhana Soudha before turning bus conductors and issuing free tickets to passengers, including Chief Secretary Vandita Sharma at the Kempegowda Bus Station in Majestic. Welcoming women by giving roses on their first free ride, they distributed sweets to passengers. Officials said the scheme is expected to benefit 41.86 lakh women passengers every day.

The guarantees offered by the government will empower women, the CM said. P4

Rajneesh Goel, wife Shalini may become chief secys

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

WHILE Additional Chief Secretary ISN Prasad retires in June and his spouse, Chief Secretary Vandita Sharma, in August, another power couple is waiting in the wings. Rajneesh Goel and his wife Shalini Rajneesh, if selected, could occupy the high office for around four years. They will be the next power couple to get a shot at the top post after the legendary Bipul Bhattacharya and Teresa Bhattacharya, both of whom were chief secretaries two decades ago.

Procedurally, the chief secretary is selected by a high-level official selection team and Rajneesh Goel and Shalini Rajneesh will have to clear that hurdle first.

ISN Prasad is the "unseen bureaucratic brain" who superannuates in June, while his wife Vandita Sharma is set to retire two months later in August. Rajneesh Goel, who is in the CM's office, will have an 11-month tenure and his wife Shalini Rajneesh, who is an 89-batch officer, will have a three-year tenure.

The Goel couple hails from Chandigarh and Rajnish Goel's father is a well-known academic locally. ISN Prasad is a Manipur cadre officer and was given a change of cadre after he married Vandita Sharma, who was from the Karnataka cadre. P5

Minorities targeted by China meet Dalai Lama

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

AROUND 70 representatives of persecuted minority groups from more than a dozen countries including China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Mongolia have held closed-door deliberations in Dharamshala on the theme "China and the Changing Global Order: Prospects and Challenges." The delegates, including representatives of China's Uighur community, also met His Highness Dalai Lama on Saturday, sources said.

"There was a three-day event organised by the Tibet Policy Institute on the premises of the College for Higher Tibetan Studies at Sarah and these delegates spoke about the atrocities inflicted upon the minorities in China and how the dissenters could get together to return to a democratic process," Tibet Policy Institute said in a statement. The delegates were shown a video documentary on Uighurs and Tibetans, titled 'A shared agenda for national survival and justice'.

The delegates deliberated on how they could get their issues noticed by the international community, which is fixated on the circumstances created by the conflict between Russia and Ukraine. "For the past 63 years that we have been under exile, we have learnt to govern under a democratic process – despite facing stiff opposition from China. All the groups here have major challenges from the Chinese government and their policies on minorities and we want to resolve this without the use of any violence. But we need to be united in order to bring about reform," said SikyongPempa Tsering from the Central Tibetian Administration, while addressing the delegates.

Delegates partipating in the conference on China and the Changing Global Order in Dharamshala | ANI

Tsering told the gathering that the persecuted minorities must make every effort to convince the international community that although Russia may be the short-term threat, the long–term threat would come from China with its vast trade and infrastructure network.

Man and Superman: Djokovic

Novak Djokovic wins his third French Open and 23rd Grand Slam title after beating Casper Ruud in straight sets on Sunday. He goes past Rafael Nadal and is now the sole leader on the list of Major winners in the men's singles category...

Novak Djokovic celebrates his victory over Norway's Casper Ruud in Paris on Sunday | AFP

TOO GOOD

The 36-year-old Serb brushed off an early wobble to defeat Ruud of Norway 7-6 (1), 6-3, 7-5.

Apart from breaking the 22-Slam tie he shared with Rafael Nadal, he became both the tournament's oldest champion and the only man to win all four Majors on at least three occasions.

Wait is over! City win CL title

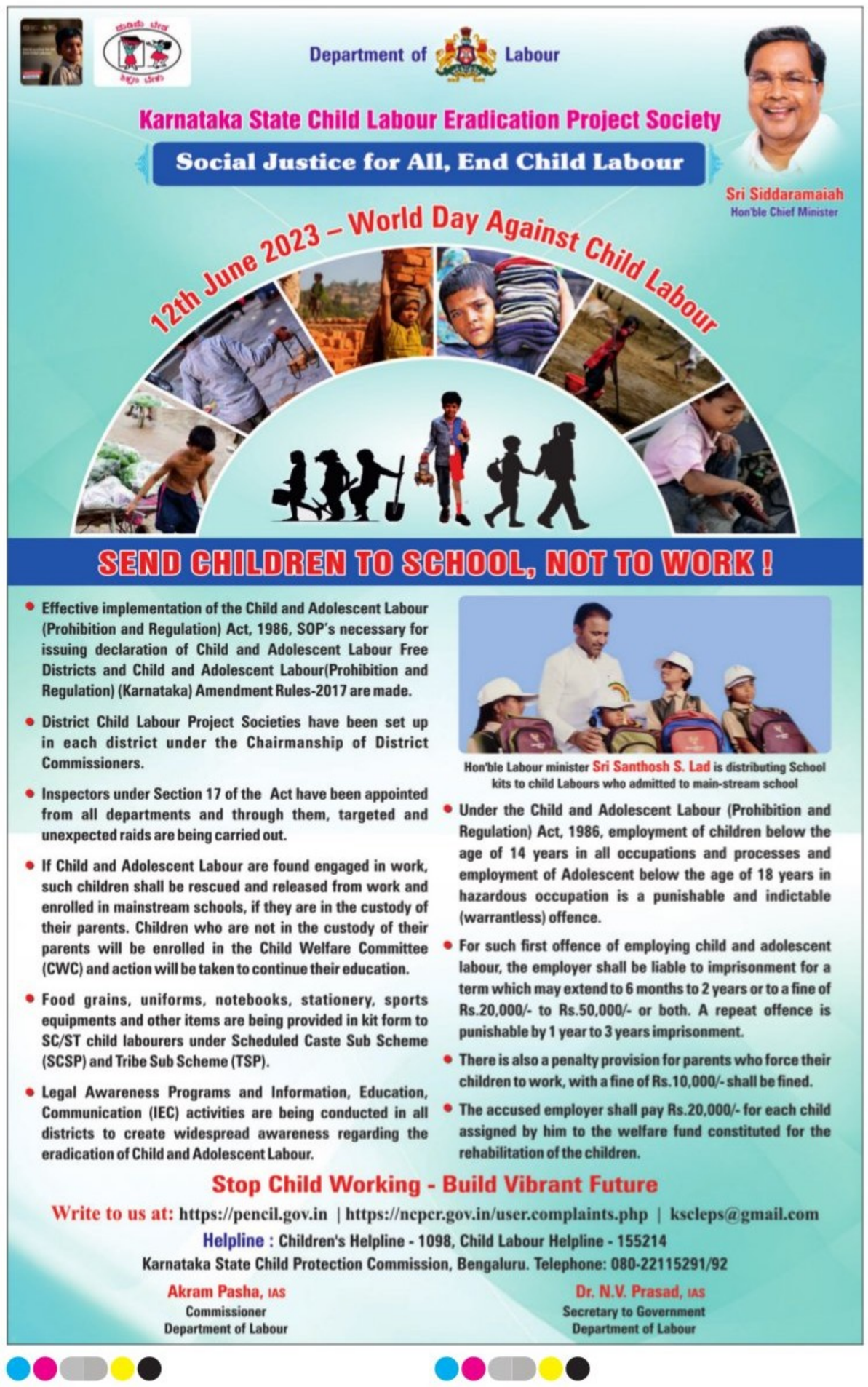
Premier League club Man City won the Champions League title for the first time and completed a historic treble this season after beating Inter Milan 1-0 in the final in Istanbul on Saturday

India collapse, Oz rejoice

Aussies overpower India on Day 5, taking seven wickets in a session to clinch the WTC title...

- India, chasing a target of 444, resumed on 164-3. But they slumped to 234 all out before lunch, losing their last five wickets for a mere 22 runs.
- With the 209-run win, Australia became the first country to win all senior ICC titles, across men's and women's competitions. India, meanwhile, are still searching for their first piece of global silverware in a decade.

Australia players react after sealing the match against India at The Oval on Sunday | AP


Department of Labour
Karnataka State Child Labour Eradication Project Society
Social Justice for All, End Child Labour
Sri Siddaramaiah
Hon'ble Chief Minister
12th June 2023 – World Day Against Child Labour
SEND CHILDREN TO SCHOOL, NOT TO WORK !
Effective implementation of the Child and Adolescent Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986, SOP's necessary for issuing declaration of Child and Adolescent Labour Free Districts and Child and Adolescent Labour(Prohibition and Regulation) (Karnataka) Amendment Rules-2017 are made.
District Child Labour Project Societies have been set up in each district under the Chairmanship of District Commissioners.
Inspectors under Section 17 of the Act have been appointed from all departments and through them, targeted and unexpected raids are being carried out.
If Child and Adolescent Labour are found engaged in work, such children shall be rescued and released from work and enrolled in mainstream schools, if they are in the custody of their parents. Children who are not in the custody of their parents will be enrolled in the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) and action will be taken to continue their education.
Food grains, uniforms, notebooks, stationery, sports equipments and other items are being provided in kit form to SC/ST child labourers under Scheduled Caste Sub Scheme (SCSP) and Tribe Sub Scheme (TSP).
Legal Awareness Programs and Information, Education, Communication (IEC) activities are being conducted in all districts to create widespread awareness regarding the eradication of Child and Adolescent Labour.
Hon'ble Labour minister Sri Santhosh S. Lad is distributing School kits to child Labours who admitted to main-stream school
Under the Child and Adolescent Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986, employment of children below the age of 14 years in all occupations and processes and employment of Adolescent below the age of 18 years in hazardous occupation is a punishable and indictable (warrantless) offence.
For such first offence of employing child and adolescent labour, the employer shall be liable to imprisonment for a term which may extend to 6 months to 2 years or to a fine of Rs.20,000/- to Rs.50,000/- or both. A repeat offence is punishable by 1 year to 3 years imprisonment.
There is also a penalty provision for parents who force their children to work, with a fine of Rs.10,000/- shall be fined.
The accused employer shall pay Rs.20,000/- for each child assigned by him to the welfare fund constituted for the rehabilitation of the children.
Stop Child Working - Build Vibrant Future
Write to us at: https://pencil.gov.in | https://ncpcr.gov.in/user.complaints.php | kscleps@gmail.com
Helpline : Children's Helpline - 1098, Child Labour Helpline - 155214
Karnataka State Child Protection Commission, Bengaluru. Telephone: 080-22115291/92
Akram Pasha, IAS
Commissioner
Department of Labour
Dr. N.V. Prasad, IAS
Secretary to Government
Department of Labour

Bhushan says he will fight LS polls, but mum on party

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

BJP MP and outgoing Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief **Brij Bhushan Singh**, who is accused of sexually harassing female wrestlers, announced on Sunday that he will contest the 2024 Lok Sabha polls from his current constituency of Kaiserganj in UP.

Singh addressed a large rally in Kaiserganj during which he avoided making direct references to the ongoing protests.

However, he began his address on a lyrical note quoting lines from an Urdu poem, which, when translated to English, reads: The reward which I have received for my love replete with tears, pain, and poison is that now I am known as a betrayer. Call it my fame or infamy, they discuss my name surreptitiously.

The rally was conducted to celebrate nine years of Modi government.

But interestingly, with the BJP not very keen on fielding him due to the accusations, Singh avoided mentioning the name of the party on whose ticket he will contest. Singh, who is a six-time MPok Sabha member had once contested and won under Samajwadi Party ticket.

EXPRESS READ

KCET results likely on June 15

Bengaluru: Results for the Karnataka Common Entrance Test (KCET) will most likely be announced on June 15. Karnataka Examination Authority Executive Director Ramya S said, "The results will be ready for publishing by June 14 evening. If the results are announced then, candidates will have difficulty in reaching out to the authority. It will also be difficult to rectify server issues, if any. Hence, we will likely announce the results by June 15 morning." P2

Teen killed, eyes gouged out

Hyderabad: In a horrific killing, a 19-year-old woman was found dead in a pond in Telangana's Vikarabad district. The victim, identified as Sirisha, a nursing student from Vikarabad, was inflicted with multiple knife injuries. Her eyes were gouged out by the assailants using a screwdriver. The police took Sirisha's elder sister's husband into custody on suspicion of his involvement in the murder. P5

Ishad mango from Ankola gets GI tag

SUBHASH CHANDRA NS @ Karwar

The delicious Ishad mango from Uttara Kannada has earned its much-awaited geological indicator (GI) tag and it is now being looked at as the beginning of its journey for international recognition like Alphonso mangoes.

Ishad mango, which is grown predominantly around Ankola, is tasty and contains a lot of pulp. "The fruit was once canned and exported. We hope to revive its glory," said Satish Kumar, Deputy Director, Department of Horticulture.

"The application for GI tag was made through Ankola-based Matha Totagars Farmers Producer Company (MTFPC) Ltd way back in March 2022. We had submitted the required documents to the Chennai-based Directorate, Geo Indicator species. They sought more documents and authenticity pertaining to heritage. Finally the status has been accorded," he said.

Madhav Indra Gouda, Director, MTFPC, said that the mango variety has been cultivated for the last 400 years. After this tag, the MTFPC, which is an organisation of 300 farmers, has decided to propagate seedlings and encourage cultivation of this special mango. "We have already ensured two products, pulp and squash, are ready for consumers," he said.

ALMANAC TODAY
Monday: 12/06/2023 • Year: Shobhakruta • Ayana: Uttharayana • Ritu: Grishma • Masa: Jyeshta • Paksha: Krishna • Tithi: Navami 1.21 pm • Nakshatra: Uttharabhadra 4.47 pm • Moon in Mesha Rashi • Rahukaala: 07:30 am to 09:00 am • Gulikakala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • Yamaganda: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEATHER — MIN 22°C | MAX 31°C
FORECAST: Partly cloudy.

Sunrise 5.53 am | Sunset 6.45 pm | Moonrise 1.19 am | Moonset 1.42 pm

Fin inclusion helps tackle climate risks in semi-arid regions: Study

Households facing high-climate risks hold huge assets in liquid

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

A study conducted on villagers staying in semi-arid tropical regions sheds light on the pivotal role of financial inclusion in mitigating climate risks in rural households.

Researchers found that farmers and households in rural and semi-arid regions are the best in managing finances. Also climate change and finances play a crucial role on their income.

Researchers noted that access to formal financial institutions in regions with high-climate risks increases households' access to liquidity that they need to buffer against climate shocks. Using longitudinal data from 1,082 rural households located in the semi-arid tropics in India, they found that households facing high-climate risks hold a higher proportion of assets in liquid form.

Access to formal financial services, however, reduces the need to keep liquid assets to be able to respond to high climate variability. The results suggest that expanded financial inclusion in regions with high climate variability can reallocate resources held in unproductive liquid assets to invest in climate adaptation.

In the research, titled "Financial Inclusion Mitigates Climate Risks for Rural Households: A Study in Semi-Arid Tropics," the teams studied 15 villages in India. The research has been published in Nature -- a multidisciplinary science journal.

The study was conducted across nine districts in Maharashtra, Karnataka (Tumkuru and Vijayapura), Odisha, Bihar, Jharkhand, Gujarat Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh by researchers from Indian School of Business and collaborators from Australia and the UK. They examined the relationship between climate risk, financial inclusion, and household liquidity, using household-level panel data from 1,082 rural households.

Prof Ashwini Chhatre, Executive Director, Bharti Institute of Public Policy, Indian School of Business (ISB), told The New Indian Express that the report will be submitted to the government to help it chalk out the action plan.

The study finds that households facing higher climate risks tend to hold a larger proportion of their assets in a form that can be easily converted to cash. This strategy forces households to reduce investments in productive assets, which typically can't be easily converted to cash at short notice. However, access to formal financial institutions, such as banks, reduces this need for liquid assets. Households with financial inclusion hold a smaller share of their assets in liquid form compared to those without such access. This suggests that financial inclusion enables rural households to allocate resources more efficiently towards addressing climate risks, as they do not need to rely as much on liquid assets, Chhatre said.

> **Access to formal financial institutions in regions with high-climate risks increases households' access to liquidity that they need to buffer against climate shocks**
>
> Researchers

Power tariff hiked during BJP govt: Siddu

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CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah on Sunday said that the decision to hike power tariff in Karnataka was taken during the previous BJP government in April this year.

"As per the recommendations of the BJP government, the power tariff was increased. The BJP, however, is spreading false information that we (Congress) increased the tariff," he told reporters after launching the Shakti scheme here.

Siddaramaiah accused the BJP leaders of spreading lies to gain political mileage. "If the Congress government favours the poor and the middle class, the BJP creates confusion by spreading lies. The media should not join hands with the BJP to add more confusion," he added.

On May 12 — the eve of the Karnataka Assembly results, the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC) hiked power tariff by 70p per unit. Following this, the then government issued an order implementing the hike effective retrospective from April 2023, charged from June.

"The order was supposed to be implemented in March/April. But due to the election model code of conduct for Assembly elections, the issuance of the tariff order was put on hold by KERC. It was, however, issued on May 12, 2023, with retrospective effect from April 2023," BESCOM Managing Director Mahantesh Bilagi said, adding, "Hence, we are forced to implement this order. An additional 70 paise per unit will be collected from June with April month arrears."

BLOCKS OF DANGER

A pile of concrete blocks left behind after the work done by BWSSB workers on SJP Road in Bengaluru | EXPRESS

K'taka must use startups for economic growth: Experts

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TO foster Karnataka's economic growth, the state must utilise it's prowess in encouraging startups and innovation towards a green future, experts said.

The Indian Institute of Management, Bengaluru (IIMB) and Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) collaborated on a report titled 'Karnataka@100: A Vision Document for 2047', in which they envision Karnataka's future and provide suggestions from economic and management standpoints. The report will be released on Monday.

"Karnataka has displayed extraordinary socio-economic progress since India's independence in 1947, and even more since the liberalization of the Indian economy in 1991. From coffee to IT, Karnataka has marked a distinct name for itself on the global map. However, lofty economic growth has also brought fair share of unique challenges to the state," IIMB said in a statement. Consequentially, the state's economic growth has not been balanced geographically and several issues have arisen in aspects concerning sustainability and climate change.

"Karnataka must utilize its strengths in innovation, entrepreneurship, biodiversity and heritage, to spearhead an uncharted path of equitable and harmonious growth, fuelled by a green ecosystem, setting a benchmark not just for India, but for the entire world, especially the Global South," they said.

The report has been co-authored by several renowned experts, including Prof Jitamitra Desai, Chairperson and faculty, Decision Sciences area, Prof. Anil B Suraj, Chairperson, Committee on Diversity and Inclusion, and faculty of Public Policy, Prof. Shanker Subramoney, Finance & Accounting area, all coming from IIMB.

EXPRESS READ

Dak Adalat on June 23

Bengaluru: The senior superintendent of Post Offices, Bengaluru West Division, will be holding a Dak Adalat to address complaints relating to postal issues at 3 pm on June 23. Any grievances on Postal matters pertaining to post offices within Bengaluru West Division can be written to the senior superintendent on or before 18 June. The adalat will be held in the office of the senior superintendent, opposite Vidhya Bharati School, West of Chord Road 2nd stage PO Building.

KCET RESULTS LIKELY ON JUNE 15

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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THE Karnataka Common Entrance Test (KCET) results will most likely be announced on June 15. Speaking to TNIE, Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA) Executive Director, Ramya S said that the authority had planned to announce the results on or from anywhere between June 12 and June 14. "We had not given a specific date for the results. However, the results will be ready for publishing by June 14 evening," she said.

However, while the results will be ready, she stated that the authority will hold off on announcing the results until the morning of June 15.

"If the results are announced in the evening, candidates will have difficulty in reaching out to the authority. It will also be difficult to rectify any server issues late into the day. Due to this, we will likely announce the results by June 15 morning, and candidates will have plenty of time to reach out, and any issues can be solved immediately," she told TNIE.

The KCET took place on May 20 and 21, where around 2.60 lakh students appeared for the examinations.

Not many sex workers use Chetana scheme

NAMRATA SINDWANI
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LESS than one per cent of sex workers in Karnataka make use of "Chetana Scheme", which aims at providing them with alternative career options.

Under the scheme, financial assistance of Rs 30,000 is provided to sex workers for self-employment and to lead a dignified life. Paly MG, general manager (Chetana Scheme), Karnataka State Commission for Women, said Rs 2 crore is allocated for the scheme every year. "We are only able to cater to 651 sex workers every year due to shortage of funds. Funds worth four times is required to accommodate more sex workers who are willing to be rehabilitated," he added.

Despite the commission requesting for an increase in budget allocation for the scheme, it has not been done. Paly attributed it to shortage of funds in the women and child department.

Studies showed that around 3 lakh sex workers reside in Karnataka, but the department can help only a small number of them because of the limited funds.

Department officials said that until last year, they also provided training to interested sex workers who were willing to set up small businesses. The 3-6 days long programme trained them on project report preparation, general accounting, material management and marketing.

The programme saw poor attendance on most days due to which they stopped the training completely. Shubha Chacko, executive director, Solidarity Foundation, said since Karnataka does not have a brothel system, many people are scared to declare themselves as sex workers. Other NGOs, working for the rights of sex workers, said Rs 30,000 is a small amount and must be increased to at least Rs 1,00,000 to encourage alternative livelihood for sex workers.

Orders sent in 99% SWD encroachment cases: DC

MOHAMMED YACOOB @Bengaluru

BENGALURU Urban district administration said that the encroachment surveys on storm water drains, which began last year, have been completed, and eviction orders issued against 99 per cent of the properties under section 104 of the Karnataka Land Revenue Act. The report has been shared with the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP).

Bengaluru Urban Deputy Commissioner Dayanand KA said that now it is up to the BBMP to take up the removal of storm water drain encroachment. Dayanand said a report in this regard will be sent to the government soon.

BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath confirmed the report from the district administration on storm water drain encroachment and that the orders have been passed under section 104 of the Karnataka Land Revenue Act. He assured that the Palike is taking necessary steps.

"On Monday, we have a meeting with the Bengaluru Urban deputy commissioner in regarding this. The BBMP is already conducting the removal of storm water drain encroachment. It will be intensified," Girinath said.

A senior BBMP official said that the storm water drain encroachment drive had to be stopped in Mahadevapura Zone because of a shortage of staff.

Now, with Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister DK Shivakumar directing the civic body to prepare before the onset of heavy monsoon, the drive will gain momentum, and a bigger team will be involved.

"Bengaluru East tahsildar will be informed and the jurisdictional police will be asked to give protection as over 35 properties in KR Puram Assembly will face the earthmovers for the demolition drive to clear obstructions from storm water drains," said a senior engineer from Mahadevapura Zone. Of the orders passed by the revenue department against encroachment, 90 per cent of them are in the Mahadevapura zone, the engineer added.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

12th June : I was taking another look at the latest plans to send a probe to Pluto, the most distant planet in our solar system. We used to think it was alone. But then some astronomers don't think it is planet at all, just a glorified moon. Now we reckon we've discovered that it has six-hundred similar, though smaller, neighbours, all jostling for attention. It's enough to drive astrologers mad!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
The Moon's enthusiastic presence in your chart makes it clear you must attend to home affairs and family relationships. In love, the temperature could rise as it becomes apparent that what you need, and what a partner wants, are not always the same thing. The quicker you find that out the sooner you can find a compromise!

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Life should be relatively quiet over the next few days, so you should be able to sidestep whatever pressures do come up. You may therefore have a welcome opportunity to recover from recent stress and strain. Use it! Very soon partners will be bombar-ding you with ideas.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
It's all a matter of gaining on the roundabouts what you lose on the swings. The emphasis in your chart is on pleasure. This doesn't mean having fun and putting your feet up, but seeing to it that you extract all possible satisfac-tion and enjoyment from even the dullest routine.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
The Moon suggests that emotional tension now lies in the past, and that if you're still feeling a little stressed, it's because of events which took place last week or even earlier. If you have your wits about you, you can put it all into context - and even forget all about it!

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Domestic affairs will continue to niggle away at your peace of mind. However, there is little that can be done just yet, perhaps not until next week and probably not until four weeks' time. I know it's hard to wait, but that might be just what you have to do.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
You're probably aware of your artistic talents, and you may also be very conscious that if the coming season is to be fruitful you should set out to develop all those personal skills which are all too often overlooked. No more excuses, please!

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Venus, your planetary ruler, is hesitating. The one conclusion is that you may leave aside various tired relationships, and begin to operate in almost any romantic sphere you choose. And the emphasis is on precisely that - deciding for yourself who you want to be with.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
There's still a certain secrecy in your love life, although it must be said that your feelings are your business and yours alone. Respect confidences, have regard for other people's desires, and you should do just fine. And if someone wants to cool it for a while, that's fine, too.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Your talents are many but you sometimes lack the determination necessary to develop them. However, this is a time of year when you should consider all appropriate ways to improve the quality of your life by linking up with like-minded people. At work, as they say, it's who you know that counts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
In spite of your current doubts, a public or professional move, which is now becoming inevitable, will be for the better. Mercury, ruling your ideas, is forcing you to face up to long-range plans for a change. What it really insists, though, is that you broaden your horizons.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
There seems to be an element of personal rancour, and even though some causes lie in the past, it looks as if a certain amount of friction at work could persist over the coming weeks. It's up to you to direct your energies constructively, and not to fall into a time-wasting trap.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
You are now coming to the end of a twelve-month period in relationships which has been in some senses hugely enjoyable, in others intense and gruelling. You will very soon be drawing a veil over recent events. You might keep a few mementoes or hang on to a memory or two, but that's as far as it goes.

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

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SUDOKU EASY

TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

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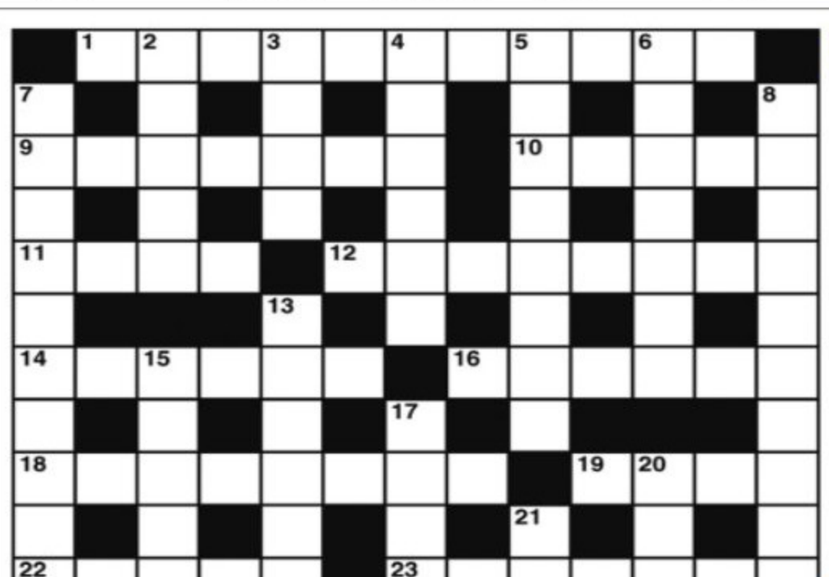

CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Conditions needed when there's a hedgerow to trim? (4,7)
9 Mail being sent to distant branch (7)
10 The spirit of play (5)
11 Kind of apple tree (4)
12 He occupies land next to the bank (8)
14 Someone very like a campanologist (6)
16 Different conclusion for a capital goddess? (6)
18 Sea and shore - or just the shore (8)
19 Bowed to talent (4)
22 One so confused may be caught by it (5)
23 One isn't shaken though it may make one shake (7)
24 Didn't succeed in crossing the ice? (4,7)

DOWN
2 Frequently expressed as decimal (5)
3 Fall for a medical man at work (4)
4 Necessitate a note before Latin revision (6)
5 Alice found it entertaining - at Boston? (3,5)
6 Building seen from both ends of the editor's office (7)
7 Remark about some section (11)
8 Secret shuffle in silent dance (11)
13 Spring after spring it never fails to surprise me (4,4)
15 Army doctor is in a row about offensive (7)
17 Possibly chants a fragment of song (6)
20 Oriental monarch is being economical (5)
21 Let loose a gun dog in the centre (4)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Tartar, 4 Obituary, 9 Kaiser, 10 Foursome, 12 Silo, 13 Dozen, 14 Weed, 17 Forging ahead, 20 Literary lion, 23 Iron, 24 Taste, 25 Hail, 28 Port Said, 29 Sloops, 30 Resident, 31 Ogress.

Down: 1 Takes off, 2 Raillery, 3 Awed, 5 Broken hearts, 6 Tire, 7 Adores, 8 Yields, 11 Congregation, 15 Civic, 16 Tanya, 18 Pinafore, 19 Analysis, 21 Diaper, 22 Boards, 26 Used, 27 Flag.

JUMBLE UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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Looks like they wanted the fortune divided evenly amongst all of you.
Wow! I guess they changed their minds.
Vegas, here I come!
It may be better if we give the money away.
GIVING A LARGE INHERITANCE TO THE FAMILY MIGHT HAVE BEEN A MISTAKE, BUT ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: DIRTY FLEET NINETY SQUALL
Answer: Most people accept that the Earth is round, but a few people — FLATLY DENY IT

A person lost his life and another suffered injuries after the car they were travelling in fell into a river in Uppinangady in Dakshina Kannada on Sunday. The deceased has been identified as Hariprasad and the driver, Gopi who suffered injuries, has been booked for rash driving

OUR ROADWAYS TO HELL

BIG PICTURE

DONNA EVA @Bengaluru

BARELY halfway through the year, Karnataka has witnessed some gruesome road accidents that have caused deaths and injuries to a number of people.

Several deep-seated problems are leading to such accidents. They include the failure of regional transport offices (RTOs) to ensure a proper vetting process before issuing licences and black spots dotting our major highways and smaller roads across the state.

Major factors causing accidents

Several factors have been attributed to road accidents in the state. Belagavi Superintendent of Police Dr Sanjeev Patil said unscientific roads, speeding, violation of rules, failure to understand signages, fatigue and alcohol are the main reasons.

A senior traffic police officer in Bengaluru said, "Reckless driving is one of the major reasons for accidents in the city. The city police have registered 1,312 reckless driving/riding cases in the first five months of the year alone. Unscientific speed-breakers also contribute to accidents here, and the traffic police have identified 427 such speed-breakers. Most of them have been removed and replaced with rumble strips."

In Kolar district, several major stretches that see a heavy flow of traffic do not have medians, causing accidents.

In Hassan, too, unscientific speed-breakers, and rash and negligent driving are major contributors to accidents. The district, however, has registered a lesser number of accidents as compared to last year, as per statistics.

In Udupi, Ambalapady and Katapady junctions have turned accident-prone because of the delay in the construction of flyovers and grade separators. Several fatal accidents have taken place in both places in the past year.

At Katapady Junction, the police have erected barricades, installed a public address system and also deputed additional staff for free flow of traffic. These steps seem to have helped as only one major accident has been reported from here.

Another stretch in Udupi that is calling for attention is in Thekkatte of Kundapur taluk. Lack of proper illumination has been causing accidents.

Udupi DC Kurma Rao M had instructed National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) officials last year to resolve all road infrastructure problems that were hindering smooth vehicular movement on National Highways 66, 169 and 169A.

The absence of a service road from Balaipade to Guddeyangadi near Udyavara on NH 66 has been pointed out by motorists, but NHAI has not paid any attention.

"In Kolar, victims are more often youth as they are more prone to flout traffic rules and ride at high speeds leading to accidents," said senior physician Dr Rajendra Kumar. Lakshminarayana, a retired circle inspector, too said many two-wheelers are seen with more than three riders, causing accidents.

In Shivamogga, SP Mithun Kumar said rash and negligent driving, riding without wearing helmet and seatbelt, parking on roads without any signage, and drunk driving are the major factors for accidents.

SS Pasha, a retired assistant regional transport officer, said most people lack traffic awareness and have no knowledge of road safety measures. "Over 80 percent of accidents occur due to rash and negligent driving," he said.

Issuance of driver's license

"RTOs not following norms while issuing driving licences is one of the most important aspects leading to road accidents. Provisions under the Motor Vehicles Act are inadequate, while the enforcement of norms and rules is poor. The traffic board is deeply corrupt which invariably affects the process of issuing licences. Driving tests are a mockery. While only the manoeuvring of vehicles is noted, the driving skills of drivers are not analysed," said Ashish Verma, professor, Transportation Systems Engineering, Convener, Department of Civil Engineering, Indian Institute of Science, IISc Sustainable Transportation (IST) Lab.

A retired first division clerk of the state Transport Department said RTO officials and vehicle inspectors issue driving licenses through middlemen and owners of driving schools. "Officials never accept bribes directly from the public, but it will reach them official through proper channels by evening," he said.

Basavaraj, a retired driver of the Revenue Department, said that most accidents occur due to lack of driving skills and road safety measures.

"Many drivers who posses good driving skills and follow traffic rules lose their lives because of rash and negligent driving of others. Vehicle inspectors should issue driving licences directly to drivers. They should not violate rules and regulations," he added.

Many motorists said RTO officials are not serious while issuing driving licences, and a majorityo of licence-seekers depend on middlemen.

Black spots

In Bengaluru, the traffic police have identified 63 black spots, of which 38 are in the Traffic East division. Some of the major roads across the city are peppered with these black spots. The stretches include Old Madras Road, Sarjapura Main Road, NICE Road, Hosur Road near Electronic City and Veerasandra Junction, Magadi Main Road and Mysuru Ring Road Junction.

"In all the black spots, the required road engineering work, curvature, traffic signal problems and enforcement issues have been addressed. Signages have been put in place and road markings made. Road engineering problems take a long time to resolve, but 63 black spots have already been rectified. Apart from the traffic police, these traffic and road-related issues are also addressed by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru Development Authority and Public Works Departments," said a senior traffic police officer.

The Hassan police have identified 64 black spots in the district, including in the Hirisave and Channarayapatna police limits on Bengaluru-Mangluru NH 75. Of these black spots, 18 have been fixed, 23 partially repaired, 11 under the process of being rectified and 12 not rectified.

The Kalaburagi district administration has identified nine black spots on the National Highways, 13 on state highways and two on other roads.

The highest number of 13 accidents took place on the National Highway near Avarad Cross of Jewargi taluk in 2023 in which six accidents were fatal. Also, 16 accidents took place near Mudhol Cross on the State Highway, of which five were fatal.

In Shivamogga district, as per data obtained from the police department, 31 black spots were identified. The Yadgiri district administration too has identified seven places as black spots.

Accident counts

Bengaluru witnessed 1,928 accidents in the first five months of 2023. Of these, 334 proved to be fatal, in which 344 people died. In all , 1,594 non-fatal accidents were reported, and 1,678 people were injured.

The Bengaluru-Mangaluru National Highway 75, connecting Chennai and Bengaluru, and Bilekere-Biruru National Highway 373, are two major accident prone stretches in Hassan district.

In a recent accident, four people died and ten others were injured after a passenger van hit a truck near Hirisave, making it one of the deadliest accidents in 2023. Since the beginning of this year, 72 people have died, while 357 have been injured. Last year, 447 people died, while 2,087 were injured in the district.

In Koppal, close to 40 people have died in major road accidents this year. Recently, six people were killed on the spot when their speeding was involved in an accident on the Kanakageri taluk state highway.

The single-lane road between Kushtagi and Koppal has been witnessing many accidents as the stretch is narrow and drivers attempt to overtake, causing accidents.

Fatal accidents in Kalaburagi and Yadgir districts have come down between January and May-end this year, as compared to the corresponding period last year.

Kalaburagi SP Isha Pant said 137 fatal and 252 non-fatal accidents took place between January and May-end this year, in which 146 people were killed and 484 injured. The highest number of fatal accidents took place in January (30), followed by March (28), 27 each in April and May and 25 in February.

In Shivamogga district from January to May this year, 634 accidents took place in the district, of which 151 accidents were fatal and 483 non-fatal. In the corresponding period last year, 613 accidents took place, of which 150 were fatal and 463 non-fatal.

In Belagavi district, 323 people lost their lives and 1,344 persons were injured in 890 road accidents from January 1 to May 31. In 2022, 1,934 fatal and non-fatal accidents were reported in the district in which 747 persons were killed.

In Yadgiri district, 70 fatal and 116 non-fatal accidents have been reported from January till May-end this year, while 75 fatal and 128 non-fatal accidents were reported in the corresponding period last year, said Yadgir SP Vedamurthy.

What can be done

"The credibility and reliability of traffic rules is necessary. Human intervention must be decreased to the least. The use of technology and artificial intelligence should increase. No violation should be undetectable and non-penalised. The level of penalisation also should be checked," said Prof Ashish Verma.

He said that other countries levy hefty fines and cancel licences if violations are recurring and a point system is also followed.

"The psychophysical and behavioural aspect of drivers is also an important point. Importance to the driver's abilities must be given. The quality of vehicles and their motorisation should also be looked at," he said.

Compulsory wearing of helmet while riding two-wheelers and seat belts while driving four-wheelers are few simple measures for safe driving, said Dr Sanjeev Patil, Superintendent of Police, Belagavi. But several people neglect such measures, which are brought to protect them in the first place, he commented.

Improper road designs

Praveenchandra Shetty, an author on road safety, listed several reasons as possible causes for road accidents in Dakshina Kannada. In his book - Mission Advanced Road Safety 2019–2024 (An Insight into Road Traffic Accidents on Indian Motorways) - he points out how improperly designed road infrastructure causes road traffic accidents and deaths. He is a member of the National Road Safety Council under the central government.

In Dakshina Kannada, traffic police put up barricades to control the speed of vehicles on state and national highways. This defeats the very purpose of the construction of highways. The highways are constructed for faster movement of goods and passenger traffic, which has a positive impact on the economy of the country, he added.

Heavy goods vehicles, especially, find it difficult to pass through these barricades which are kept on both sides of the road. These act as bottlenecks, increasing the travel time.

Many roads are not up to any acceptable standard and a majority of highways don't have service roads on both sides. This leads to motorists, especially two-wheeler riders, going in the wrong direction, causing accidents. If service roads are laid scientifically on both sides of highways, such accidents can be averted.

Almost all service roads do not have footpaths, forcing pedestrians to walk on roads. This slows down traffic and also proves dangerous for pedestrians.

Roads are not marked properly that affect drivers. Instead of constructing small circles at intersections, where the diameter should be equivalent to the width of road median, the NHAI gives wide openings on dividers which are normally lesser in length than the width of approach roads.

This causes haphazard movement of vehicles that are entering highways from side roads at intersections, resulting in accidents, bodily injuries, permanent and partial disabilities or deaths. He said the district council is supposed to meet every quarter and list out black spots and study the cause of deaths there. But this has not been done, he said.

(With inputs from Praveen Kumar, Ramakrishna Badseshi, V Velayudham, Marx Tejaswi, Tushar Majukar, BR Udaya Kumar, Kiran Balannanavar, Prakash Samaga and Divya Cutinho)

23-yr-old 'peeping tom' arrested in Marathahalli

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A 23-year-old man, who was allegedly peeping while his 38-year-old neighbour was taking a bath, was roughed up and handed over to the police. The incident took place in Munekolala, in Marathahalli on Saturday.

The accused, identified as Nitin, a resident of Manjunatha Layout in Munekolala, works as a sales representative for a pharma company.

Police said, the woman living in the next building was taking a bath and noticed Nitin peeping through the bathroom window. As she raised an alarm, her family members and neighbours caught and thrashed the accused before taking him to the police station. He was then arrested and remanded in judicial custody.

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Mr. Gorakh Koiri, Mrs. Bidya Devi, Mr.Nitesh Koiri, Mrs. Sudha Devi, Sudha Interiors, Mr.Yogendra Koiri, **(Prospect No. 900853)**	All that piece and parcel of Property Bearing: Northern portion of Site No-102 & 103 , Property No-3 , Land Area Ad Measuring 600 Sq.Ft. and Built Up Area Ad Measuring 300 Sq.Ft. Katha No-3, Naganathapura Villge Begur Hobli, Begur Hobli, Bangalore, 560100, Karnataka, India. **Bounded By: North:** Private Property, **South:** Remaining Southern Portion, **East :** Road, **West:** Site No 103.	**Rs. 14,22,370.00/-** (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Twenty two Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Only)	10-Mar-2023	08-Jun-2023

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Place: Bangalore, Date: 12-06-2023 **Sd/- Authorised Officer, For IIFL Home Finance Ltd.**

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Poll House Crafts Winning Strategy for Siddaramaiah in Tightly Contested Elections

In a fierce battle for the Varuna assembly constituency in the recently concluded 2023 assembly elections, Siddaramaiah emerged victorious against formidable opposition. The election in Varuna garnered widespread attention due to the influential opposing candidate, presenting Siddaramaiah with numerous challenges. However, the mastermind behind his triumph was the Poll House organisation, led by the election strategist Divya Rangenahalli.

As soon as the campaign kicked off, Poll House established a highly efficient war room in Varuna, dedicated to formulating and executing an impeccable election strategy in favour of Siddaramaiah. Understanding the opponent's pulse and tactics, the team skillfully planted counter-strategies to neutralise any potential threats.

The war room, consisting of approximately 80 dedicated individuals, worked tirelessly to connect with the electorate at a grassroots level. Door-to-door campaigning became the norm as the team endeavoured to educate the constituents about Siddaramaiah's remarkable achievements during his tenure. Moreover, they diligently addressed and rebutted any malicious propaganda circulated by opponents on various social media platforms, employing a well-crafted counter strategy. The War Room team ensured that public sentiment towards Siddaramaiah remained steadfast by meticulously devising a campaign strategy that resonated with the local population.

Every campaign event conducted in support of Siddaramaiah was meticulously orchestrated and executed by the Poll House team. Their unwavering dedication and strategic prowess played a pivotal role in securing Siddaramaiah's victory. The symbiotic relationship between Siddaramaiah and the Poll House strategy firm ultimately became the winning partnership that propelled him to success.

As Siddaramaiah celebrates his victory, the Poll House team has solidifyied their reputation as a force to be reckoned with in political strategy. Their success story serves as an inspiration for future campaigns, emphasising the critical role of meticulous planning and effective execution in achieving electoral triumphs.

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -I (KARNATAKA) AT BENGALURU

BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore – 560 001.

Original Application No. 548/2022

State Bank of India , S.A.R.B Bangalore ...Applicant

Vs

Sri. Hussain Nizamuddin ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION.

To,

Sri Hussain Nizamuddin, Son of Mohammed Syed Alishasuddim, No. C - 10, Second Floor, Keerthi Enclave, Hennur village, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru - 560 044

Whereas, the Applicant Bank has instituted an Original Application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Instituions Act, 1993 against you for the recovery of a sum of Rs. **56,46,770/-**(Rupees Fifty Six Lakhs Forty Six Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy only) as on 23-03-2022 with future interest at 09-55% per annum with monthly rests for Housing Term Loan and costs thereon and other relief/reliefs. You are required to show cause on **30-08-2023 at 11:00 A.M.** in Person or by a Pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief's prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in the event of default the Original Application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal , this **the 20th day of May 2023.**

Sd/- The Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal -I
Bengaluru - 560 001.

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - I, AT BANGALORE

BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore

O.A. No.318 of 2022

Between:Canara Bank, Vivekananda nagar Branch, Bangalore - 560 033. ...Applicant

And:

M/s. Sunshine Enterprises, Represented by its Proprietor, Mr. Bhaskar Vijayakumar ...Defendant

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993

To, Def: M/s. Sunshine Enterprises, Represented by its, Proprietor, Mr. Bhaskar Vijayakumar, aged about 55 years, No. 91, Netravathi Road, 4th Main Road, Jnanajyothinagar, Ullal Main Road, Bangalore - 560 056.

Also at, R/a. No. 310, 9th Main, Nagendra Block, Banashankari, Bangalore - 560 085.

Whereas, the above named Applicant has instituted the Application U/s. 19 of he Recovery of Debts & Bankruptcy Act, 1993, aganst the Defendnat for recovery of sum of **Rs.43,85,500.00 -** along with interest at 12.00 % p.a. from date of applicationn till date of recovery. You are required to show cause within 30 days of the service of the summons or on **19.07.2023 at 10.30 A.M.** as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default,the Application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal this the 20th day of May 2023 at Bangalore.

Sd/- Registrar,
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Deaths due to water contamination: CM to hold meet today

Last week, three people have died

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CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah is holding a review meeting on Monday with deputy commissioners of eight districts, where deaths have occurred due to water contamination.

The chief minister will also review the situation of drinking water and the implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission.

Over the last year, several deaths have been reported and hundreds of people have been hospitalised across the state, especially in districts like Yadgir, Raichur, Belagavi, Koppal and Vijayanagar.

Last week, three people, including a 10-month-old infant at Koppal, died and around 40 were hospitalised.

The review meeting will be held at chief minister's official residence 'Krishna'. Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (RDPR) and Revenue department officials will attend the meeting to explain factors contributing to the contamination of drinking water, resulting in deaths and hospitalisation. The deputy commissioners will attend the meeting through video conferencing.

Explaining factors behind water contamination, an official said, "Sometimes, industrial effluents and chemical solutions enter drinking water pipelines, causing health issues."

In some cases, villagers themselves open water pipes, leading to contamination. "But officials are equally responsible. If officials had taken action or rectified it, contamination could have been averted," said sources.

RDPR Minister Priyank Kharge recently held a meeting with chief executive officers of various districts and discussed drinking water issues. Kharge told TNIE that with the onset of monsoon and fresh water flowing into the system, there could be a rise in contamination cases. "There will be a review of drinking water issues, including contamination, and also Jal Jeevan Mission," he said, adding that precautionary measures will also be discussed.

The chief minister will also hold a meeting on strengthening and reopening of Indira Canteens on Monday.

EXPRESS READ

Rajanna injures eye during cracker bursting

Tumakuru: Cooperation Minister KN Rajanna sustained a minor injury to his right eye due during firecracker bursting in Kunigal on Sunday. He was on his way to Hassan to launch the Shakti guarantee scheme when some of his supporters gathered near Huchchamastigowda Circle in Kunigal town to receive him. Firecrackers were set off to celebrate his arrival, during which a spark from the burst came in contact with his right eye. He was immediately taken to a local hospital, where the ophthalmologist, Dr Ravikumar treated him and ruled out any serious injury. Following this, he resumed his travel to Hassan. Rajanna is the district minister of Hassan. **ENS**

(Top) Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, DyCM DK Shivakumar and Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy release the Shakti logo at the launch of the Shakti scheme, in front of Vidhana Soudha on Sunday; An elderly woman prostrates on the steps of a bus in Dharwad after receiving a free ticket | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA, EXPRESS

A ride to more 'free'dom for women

PURAN CHOUDHARY @ Bengaluru

AS women boarded buses with big smiles, Congress was also elated as they were able to deliver on their promise, the first of the five. It was a 'big ticket' launch of the Shakti scheme, which Congress believes will put brakes on opposition polemic.

Bedecked buses, clean seats, the smell of fresh paint, and beaming conductors welcomed the women. It was not just a day of women empowerment, but also a big boost to working women who can now amplify their savings.

Two women passengers, on their first free ride, said that Shakti will create waves in their community. Now, women can travel anywhere they wish to. "Usually women are homemakers and have to ask for money from their husbands. Now, they can just board a bus and reach their destination, a fillip to becoming independent," said Durga, who boarded a bus from Majestic.

Majestic bus terminus was decorated with rangoli made by women. Another passenger in a KSRTC bus, who was heading to her hometown, Belagavi, was happy because her daughter can now reach school for free.

TNIE spoke to conductors, who said they were given training three days in advance. Susheelamma, a conductor of a BMTC bus, said, "We are expecting women passengers to go up. The rule says we have to check ID proofs and check if they are from Karnataka, and then issue the tickets."

Women show their Aadhaar cards from a bus window | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

However, there was some confusion over which document to furnish. Samruddhi R, who was going to Hubballi, said, "Once aboard the bus, I will produce my identity proof."

A non-resident of Karnataka, Aayushi Parekh, said, "It would have been nice if the scheme was extended to working women in the city. I have to spend Rs 60 every day."

At present, only those with an address in Karnataka can avail of the scheme.

'More women needed in public sector'

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"FOR society to develop, more women must participate in the public sector," Siddaramaiah said. He highlighted that only 24% of women participate in the public sector in the country while America, China and Australia have women in large numbers contributing.

He said Congress believes in empowering all communities, castes and religions. "We want to empower all economically and socially. About ₹59,000 crore is required for the guarantee schemes."

After the CM symbolically distributed pink smart cards to five women, Shivakumar said, "BJP and JDS members are criticising our policies but criticism will fade away and only work will remain."

Ramalinga Reddy said, "There is no rule differentiating below and above the poverty line women, all of them can travel for free after showing the ID proof." He added smart cards will also be given free of cost and women can avail of them in the next three months.

Anna Bhagya Yojana

The CM announced that the government will give 10 kg of rice to BPL and Antyodaya card holders, spending ₹10,100 crore. "The poor need to be uplifted. The rich already have their bellies full. Karnataka should soon become a hunger-free state," he said.

Money in poor, middle class hands will boost economy: Siddu

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AFTER launching the Shakti scheme in front of Vidhana Soudha, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said that the poor and middle class should have more money instead of the rich which would boost the economy.

"We will put money in the pockets of the poor and the middle class through the guarantees," Siddaramaiah said.

He alleged that the BJP only cares for the rich, and cannot digest the fact that the Congress government is helping and empowering the poor. "Our aim is to alleviate the suffering of the poor. Within just 20 days of forming the government, the first guarantee has been implemented. Women across the state have started availing the benefits of the guarantees," he said.

He also lambasted the BJP for allegedly peddling fake news over the last two weeks, but the government has proved them wrong by acting on their promises. "We had said that promises will be kept, and we have done it. Shakti scheme aims to empower women. The nation cannot progress without women, who constitute 50 per cent of the population. They are equal partners in the development of the nation. The BJP government has reduced participation of women 30 per cent to 24 per cent," he said.

Over 41.86 lakh women in the state will be benefitted from the scheme irrespective of their religion and caste, he claimed.

BJP sticker on bus, minister says no to launch

Ballari: Confusion prevailed after Ballari in-charge minister B Nagendra refused to launch the Shakti scheme, after he found a BJP sticker on the nameplate of the bus. The transport officials were quick to remove the sticker to ensure the smooth launch of the event. The officials said the bus was used for several political rallies in recent months and someone pasted a BJP poster on the nameplate of the bus. It was very small in size and hence went unnoticed. "Soon after the minister brought it to our notice, we removed it. There has been a good response to the scheme as several women travellers queued up at the entrance doors of various buses in Ballari new bus stand on Sunday afternoon, said an official. **ENS**

Traitors within BJP helped Cong win: Ramesh

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Belagavi

THE machinations of traitors within BJP helped Congress score a resounding victory in the Assembly elections, alleged former minister and Gokak MLA **Ramesh Jarkiholi**.

Addressing BJP workers at Athani on Saturday evening, he claimed that several leaders from BJP indirectly supported Congress during the elections that led to the defeat of the party candidate in Belagavi district.

He said Congress' pre-poll guarantees and stand on the reservation policy helped that party win the elections, though the mammoth victory came as a surprise for Congress too. But Congress guarantees will end after the Lok Sabha elections, he predicted.

Jarkiholi said he and his brother Balchandra did not attend state-level and district-level BJP meetings to dissect the reasons behind the rout, because "if I make such statements in the open, many BJP leaders will be miffed".

Jarkiholi, however, said he will discuss it directly with Union Home Minister Amit Shah and the party high command. He will be totally focused on strengthening the party ahead of zilla and taluk panchayat elections, he said.

Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao (third from right) at a meeting of Congress workers in Mangaluru on Sunday | EXPRESS

CONG DEFEAT IN DK NOT JUST DUE TO HINDUTVA: DINESH

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Mangaluru

HEALTH Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao said on Sunday that the Hindutva factor was not the only reason Congress lost in Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts, as the party has managed to win in other districts against a strong Hindutva wave.

During a meeting with Congress leaders and workers from the district during his maiden visit, he urged them to work towards the upcoming local body and Lok Sabha elections.

"I am proud to be Dakshina Kannada minister, which is one of the prime districts in the state. In the future, I will hold discussions with senior leaders and resolve problems pertaining to the district, and work towards the overall development of Dakshina Kannada. We will introspect why we lost seats in the coastal belt, and strengthen our party ahead of the zilla panchayat, taluk panchayat, and Lok Sabha elections," he said.

Meanwhile, Puttur MLA Ashok Rai urged the minister to approve a medical college for Puttur taluk. He also said that the party should be proactive and promote the schemes in booth levels. "If the BJP had come up with guarantee schemes, they would have promoted their works by visiting every household and taking credit. We are not reaching out to people effectively with our schemes," he said.

'Govt must continue good work on water projects'

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

THE mighty Krishna, Ghataprabha and Netravathi rivers have gone dry in several patches across the state. Though Karnataka is blessed with plenty of water resources, they are managed badly. On top of it, there are several areas in the state that receive scanty rainfall and are perennially drought-prone. If no action is taken, the state could face the great water crisis, experts warned.

Former water resources minister **Govind Karjol** said, 'We have fought a good fight over water. It is time for the new team led by DK Shivakumar to take over. We have done so much on the Upper Krishna Project (UKP), but still there is so much more to do. A lot of work is also needed on Mahadayi and Mekedatu projects. We wish that the new government will take over and continue what we worked so hard on.''

Karjol said that two budgetary allocations totalling Rs 10,000 crore were made for UKP over two years and land acquisition, rehabilitation and civil works are going on non-stop.

"The Mahadayi project, which will help alleviate drinking water problems in many areas, is in progress, so is the work of releasing the gazette notification on Krishna waters. I am sure Mekedatu will go as planned," he said.

"For UKP Stage 3, there is an ongoing exercise to acquire 1.34 lakh acres of land, for the canal network and the reservoir. We had started this exercise by paying farmers three times the rates for irrigated land. We have given the farmers depreciation too," he added.

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, who is the water resources minister, said, "We are working according to a plan. We are strategically working on all key water resource areas."

'ANTI-FARMERS'

KRRS warns of protest from June 15

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Mysuru

THE Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha (KRRS) has decided to launch a statewide protest 'Raithagraha Dharani' from June 15, demanding that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah-led government withdraw the "anti-farmers policies and programmes" which were implemented by the BJP government.

Speaking on Sunday, KRRS state president Badagalapura Nagendra said that the BJP government had introduced Land Reforms Amendment Act 2020, Karnataka Agricultural Produce Marketing (Regulation and Development) Amendment Act 2020, and Karnataka Prevention of Slaughter and Preservation of Cattle Act 2020, which are against the interest of the farmers.

"The farmers will be holding a protest on June 15 in front of the offices of all deputy commissioners, demanding that the state government withdraw these Acts, which are anti-farmer and anti-poor in the upcoming Assembly session. They should introduce pro-farmer policies and programmes," he said.

Nagendra said the three agriculture-related Acts were introduced by the BJP government to assist the corporates. "These Acts are a trap for the farmers. The Congress had announced in their election manifesto that they will withdraw these anti-farmer Acts after coming to power. The Congress must keep its promises," he said.

Giant African Snails haunt the estates of North Kodagu

PRAJNA GR @ Madikeri

WITH the arrival of the monsoon, coffee growers of Handli village near Shanivarasanthe in north Kodagu are fighting a harmful invasive species. The Giant African Snails have invaded a majority of the estates in the village with coffee growers struggling to rid the estates of these pests.

"During pre-monsoon, I spotted a couple of Giant African Snails on coffee plants and I got rid of them. Now, there is an army of these pests and they are destroying my crops — coffee, pepper vines and plantains," Suresh Babu, a coffee grower, told TNIE.

The snails feed on stems, leaves and creepers. The farmers rued that the snails multiply quickly and there seems to be no solution in sight to get rid of them.

"We are now hiring labourers to remove these snails from the plants. However, this is a disgusting job and we have to pay extra to labourers. A majority of the labourers do not want to take up this task as these snails are slimy," said Kumar, another grower.

Giant African Snails feed on leaves and a branch of coffee plants in Handli village

The residents explained that the attacks from these snails across estates have been reported every year during the wet season for five years now.

While the government provided some compensation and remedy during the previous years, it is not the case now, said another coffee grower.

"There needs to be a scientific solution to this problem. Coffee Board scientists have to come up with a permanent solution to rid the estates of these snails even as government support to the affected growers is the need of the hour," concluded Kumar.

25 seats — Shah's target for NDA from TN

Home Minister attacks DMK & Congress on dynastic politics, corruption, dubs them as '2G, 3G, 4G' parties

RAJALAKSHMI SAMPATH
@Vellore/Chennai

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday expressed confidence that the BJP will return to power at the Centre by winning 300 seats in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls and called for Tamil Nadu to send 25 candidates from the NDA to the Parliament. Addressing a gathering at Vellore, Shah said some among them could find a place in the NDA government's Cabinet. Shah's speech focused on appealing to Tamil sentiment and targeting DMK and Congress on dynastic politics. Significantly, amid reports of intra-party tensions, Shah publicly expressed his confidence in the leadership of Tamil Nadu BJP president K Annamalai.

According to party sources, earlier in the day while addressing state BJP functionaries in Chennai, Shah had also pitched for a Tamil prime minister in the future. Sources said he accused the DMK of spoiling the chances of two Tamils to become PM and had exhorted functionaries to work towards electing a CM for TN and a PM for the country from humble backgrounds. In the evening at the public meeting held to highlight achievements of the BJP-led NDA government over the past nine years, Shah said the time had come for TN to toss out the Congress and DMK and give power to a "son of the soil".

Shah termed the two opposition parties as "2G, 3G, 4G" parties. "I am not talking about the 2G (spectrum allocation scam). 2G means two generations, 3G means three generations and 4G means four generations," he said, of the Congress and DMK.

BJP leaders felicitate Union Home Minister Amit Shah in Vellore, Tamil Nadu, on Sunday. BJP Tamil Nadu chief K Annamalai (left) looks on | EXPRESS

"The Maran family (of the DMK) has been doing corruption for two generations. The Karunanidhi family has been doing corruption for three generations. The Gandhi family is 4G. Rahul Gandhi is the fourth generation and for four generations they have enjoyed power," Shah said.

'VIZAG A HUB FOR LAND AND MINING MAFIA UNDER YSRC'

VISAKHAPATNAM: Home Minister Amit Shah arrived in Visakhapatnam on Sunday and addressed a public meeting to mark the completion of nine years of the Narendra Modi government at the Centre. Launching a vitriolic attack, Shah accused the YS Jagan Mohan Reddy government of corruption and turning Visakhapatnam into a hub of land, mining and pharma mafia. He began his speech by offering prayers to Simhadri Varahalakshmi Narasimha Swamy and Sri Kanaka Mahalakshmi. "Jagan's four-year rule has been riddled with corruption and scams. Precious little has been for development of the state," Shah remarked. Stating that the Modi government has given Rs5 lakh crore to the state in the last nine years, he wondered where the money had gone. ENS

KIN IN CUSTODY

T'gana horror: Teen killed, eyes gouged out with screwdriver

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Hyderabad

EVEN before the brutal murder of a woman, Apsara, by a temple priest, Sai Krishna, at Saroornagar in the city has faded away from public memory, the blood-soaked body of a 19-year-old woman was found in a pond in Vikarabad district. The victim, identified as Sirisha, a nursing student at a private college in Vikarabad, was inflicted with multiple knife injuries.

Her eyes were gouged out by the assailants using a screwdriver. The victim reportedly stopped her studies a couple of months ago after her mother fell ill.

Sirisha from Kadlapur in Parigi mandal left home on Saturday without informing her parents who made frantic search for her, but in vain. On Sunday, locals found clothes near the pond and when they got deeper into the water they saw the body. Police rushed to the spot and had the body retrieved from the pond. They found knife wounds on the head and hands of the victim.

The police shifted the body to the Vikarabad government hospital for autopsy and registered a case. They took Sirisha's brother-in-law (her elder sister's husband) Anil into custody on suspicion of his involvement in the gruesome murder.

Three police teams formed to crack the case are checking the call data of Sirisha to identify the killers. The absence of CCTV cameras near the pond may pose a challenge to the police to solve the case.

As per preliminary investigation, Sirisha had left home after she was chided by her parents following a fight with her brother-in-law over her frequent phone calls to her friends. It is learnt that Sirisha slept outside her house without the knowledge of her parents.

MONSOON FURY

It's the same story every year. With the arrival of monsoon, sea erosion continues to swallow houses and other structures along Karnataka's coast. Here, a damaged house on the outskirts of Mangaluru on Sunday | KPN

Odisha STF nabs man who provided SIM card used in Mangaluru blast

ASISH MEHTA @Bhubaneswar

IN a major development, the special task force (STF) of Odisha Crime Branch arrested one more person involved in the sale of pre-activated SIM card and one-time password (OTP) racket with links to the autorickshaw blast at Mangaluru in 2022.

Pritam Kar, 31, of Jajpur district's Bhurunga village is said to have provided a pre-activated SIM card and debit card to the terrorist who had carried out a blast in a moving auto-rickshaw in Mangaluru on November 19 last year. The NIA had taken over the probe into the blast that injured two, including the prime suspect. The Islamic Resistance Council, a little known outfit, had reportedly claimed responsibility for the blast, saying one of its Mujahid brothers Mohammed Shariq attempted to attack a temple in Kadri in Mangaluru.

Shariq was travelling in the auto with a pressure cooker bomb fitted with detonator, wires and batteries when it exploded. "Initial investigation suggests Kar had handed over the pre-activated SIM card and a debit card to an agent working for Pakistan. The agent then provided the same SIM card and debit card to the terrorist involved in Mangaluru blast," said an STF officer. NIA had reportedly already questioned Kar in connection with the case, said sources. STF sources said, Kar was actively involved in providing SIMs and OTPs to Pak ISI agents operating in India. He personally met at least two ISI agents at Ranchi, Patna and other places. During the meetings, he had handed over pre-activated SIM cards to them.

Investigators informed Kar studied till Class VIII but is very proficient when it comes to selling OTPs, mule bank accounts and digital wallets to anti-national elements and cyber frauds. "He is a hawker and sells various items in his village. He entered into this illegal trade in 2017. So far, we have traced Rs 6 lakh in at least four bank accounts operated by him. A process will be initiated to freeze the money," said the officer.

STF has seized 16 mobile phones, a printer and one memory card from Kar. He was part of more than 10 WhatsApp groups. "The accused has sold thousands of pre-activated SIM cards, OTPs and mule accounts/ digital wallets till date. He used to charge ₹1,000 per SIM and up to ₹30,000 for mule account/digital wallet," the officer said. The agency will request WhatsApp and Telegram to shut down the groups traced.

FILM PRODUCER ACCUSED OF CHEATING

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

A film producer has been accused of cheating and threatening his actor brother as he was unable to repay his debt. A case was registered in Mahalakshmi Layout police station.

Actor cum Director Rupesh G Raj has filed a complaint against his brother Girish G Raj, who has produced a few Kannada movies. In his complaint, Rupesh stated that his brother had borrowed Rs 33 lakh from him and Rs 1.10 crore from three of his friends some years back for producing movies, assuring to return it.

However, since he did not repay, Rupesh visited his house to ask him to clear the debts, when the latter allegedly threatened him with dire consequences. Even Girish's friends allegedly threatened Rupesh over the phone and asked him to declare in writing that he never lent any money to his brother. The police have booked Girish and three of his friends for cheating and criminal intimidation. Further investigations are on.

Odisha govt, AIIMS in a bind over disposal of unclaimed bodies

HEMANT KUMAR ROUT
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BALASORE TRIPLE TRAIN CRASH

CBI picks up 5 rly staff

The CBI on Sunday picked up five railway employees in connection with the Odisha triple train tragedy. The five includes an assistant station manager who was present at Bahanaga Bazar station at the time of accident, and four from signal department.

TEN days after the disastrous train mishap at Bahanaga railway station, the disposal of unidentified bodies of crash victims has presented a precarious situation for both the Odisha government and AIIMS, Bhubaneswar.

The bodies, currently, are stored in make-shift containers at the premises of AIIMS. With their condition deteriorating due to delayed embalming and scores of relatives of accident victims waiting for DNA matching reports, no decision has been taken for their disposal yet. The state government is undecided over mass cremation which, initially, was being weighed as an option. While sources in the government said they looks will take advice from AIIMS on disposal of the unidentified bodies and act accordingly, the authorities of the premier medical institute is faced with a dilemma.

AIIMS sources said the institute being the scientific custodian and tasked with preserving the bodies, they do not want to enter into the territory of the government in such a sensitive case and might leave it on the latter to take the final call.

AIIMS medical superintendent Dr DK Parida said, ideally, bodies should be claimed within 72 hours of an incident. "We have continued with the preservation. We will wait for the DNA analysis report and the government's decision on it," he said. The government is in a bind given the number of claimants. While 81 bodies of crash victims have been stored, so far, 75 claims have been received at AIIMS.

Shalini to have 3-year term as CS

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In contrast, both Rajneesh and Shalini Rajneesh are from Karnataka Cadre.

Recently, Rajneesh managed to get the Additional Chief Secretary job at the chief minister's office (CMO), which is a sign that things are fine between him and the present political dispensation. Rajneesh Goel is a 1986-batch officer with the same seniority as Vandita Sharma, but is about 11 months her junior.

Meanwhile, Shalini is expected to be the choice for the top post as there is no other officer with that seniority in the government.

The other officer, Ajay Seth, stands a chance. But since he is already an officer in Delhi, which is a 'bureaucrat's paradise', he may not move back to Bengaluru, providing a clear way for Shalini. Other officer Atiq Ahmed may not have seniority on his side. Another officer in the reckoning is V Manjula, but she is junior in service to Rajneesh Goel. Rakesh Singh could be a contender, but he retires in May next year.

As a thumb rule, a bureaucrat will get a chance to become a chief secretary if they have a good equation with the chief minister. They should have cleared the civil services at 22 years of age to make it to the top post. On Rajneesh Goel and Shalini Rajneesh, former bureaucrat K Jairaj said, "They are a bright and pleasant couple. They are work- oriented and are in the mould of true IAS officers. I respect them."

Fake IPS officer held for cheating people

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

COTTONPET police arrested a 45-year-old man for allegedly cheating people and several policemen by posing as an IPS officer.

The accused identified as Vishukumar alias Arjun is a resident of Banashankari. Police said, a certain Raghavendra S, who runs a finance firm, filed a complaint stating he came in contact with Vishukumar in November, last year, through a friend. The accused had claimed that he was a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DySP) working at Central Crime Branch (CCB) and allegedly conversed about police operations and even shared pictures to gain the complainant's trust.

A few days later, the accused allegedly requested him to arrange Rs 25 lakhs as he was getting married, promising he would return it in three months with interest. Raghavendra obliged by lending Rs 25 lakh with an additional Rs 5 lakh to Vishukumar behind the CCB office.

Raghavendra also attended the wedding at a temple located at MS Building near Vidhana Soudha. Later, when he requested to return the money, Vishukumar kept eluding the matter and gradually started avoiding the complainant. When Raghavendra said he would file a police complaint, Vishukumar allegedly abused him and threatened to get him killed.

"Raghavendra inquired with his friends to realise that Vishukumar was a conman and had cheated several others by claiming he was an IPS officer. He filed a formal police complaint on friday," the police said.

Investigations revealed that Vishukumar had saved his phone number as 'Arjun IPS' on a caller identification app and a preliminary probe established that he extorted money from several constables by promising a posting of their choice. The police are investigating the matter further.

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My client, **SRI. NATHA RAM,** S/o Laccha Ram, Aged about 56 years, Residing at, #274, Mirza Road, Jayanna Layout, Anekal Town, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore – 562 106, intends to purchase the house/commercial property bearing khatha No. 113/573, 1st portion consisting of 23 X 20 feets including 16 X 20 feets RCC shop and vacant space and 2nd portion consisting of 45 X 23 feets including 10 X 23 feets mangalore tiled house and vacant space in all totally measuring 65 X 23 feets i.e., 1,495 square feets, situated at, Ward No. 10, (Anekal Town Municipality Limits), Narasimha Raja Road, New Pet, Anekal Town and Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, which has morefully described hereunder and hereinafter referred to as **SCHEDULE PROPERTY** from its owner **SRI. A.N. NALINAKSHA ACHARLU,** S/o Late A.N. Nanjundachari, Residing at, #26A, NR Colony, Newpet, Ward No. 10, Anekal Town and Taluk, Bangalore – 562 106.

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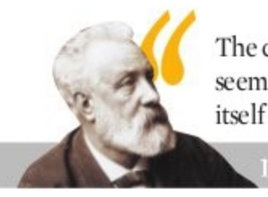

"The chance which now seems lost may present itself at the last moment" — Jules Verne

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— Ramnath Goenka

APPALLING CANADIAN FREE PASS TO KHALISTANI ELEMENTS ON ITS SOIL

Foreign minister S Jaishankar landed a solid punch on Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau the other day for letting rogue elements find space to operate freely on its soil. The latest provocation was a Khalistani tableau in Brampton, Ontario, that glorified the assassination of India's then prime minister Indira Gandhi. The occasion was to mark the anniversary of Operation Blue Star. It is appalling that a nation, a signatory to international covenants against offering terror sanctuary, allowed the public celebration of a horrific murder. Free speech can be an article of faith in Canada's liberal democracy, but it cannot extend to commemorating brutality. Though its high commissioner in India later shared his outrage, there was no official word from that country. Instead, Trudeau's national security advisor had the temerity to add India to a list of countries from which it sees foreign interference.

That Khalistani separatists based in Canada have for decades sponsored armed struggle in Punjab to carve out an independent Sikh nation is a matter of record. Among their most horrific attacks was the 1985 bombing of an Air India plane, Kanishka, killing all 329 on board. As Jaishankar pointed out, the Brampton outrage ought not to be seen as an isolated incident but as a larger underlying issue about the space Canada gives to separatists who advocate violence. "We are at a loss to understand, other than the requirements of vote-buying politics, why anyone would do this," he shared, adding it was neither good for Canada nor bilateral relations.

The vote bank Jaishankar alluded to was the appeasing of the 2.1% population of Sikhs in Canada. Jagmeet Singh is the leader of the New Democratic Party that has 25 seats in parliament, and offers critical support to Trudeau, whose party is ten short of a simple majority in the House. A hard line against Khalistanis could lead to alliance rupture as Singh has become the face of Sikh identity politics in the country. The PM is playing with fire, caught between a rock and a hard place. Remember, the then Punjab chief minister, Amarinder Singh, refused to meet a Canadian minister in 2017 due to his Khalistani links but changed his mind a year later. As for India, it ought to reach out to the Sikh diaspora, most of whom don't believe in radicalism and have condemned such mindless acts outright.

IN A GARBAGE MESS, KOCHI DESERVES BETTER

Filth is Kochi's baggage. A city endowed with incredible natural beauty is undone by stinking canals and wayside trash pileups—a disgraceful legacy of apathetic civic management over the years. Though the situation had improved considerably from the time when it was identified with a foul odour, the city is returning to its dirty ways post the Brahmapuram dumpyard fire. Today, its waste management system is in a mess and roadsides are dotted with growing garbage dumps, thanks to missteps by the state government and Kochi corporation in response to the fire that raged for 12 days at a stretch in March, covering the city in a cloud of toxic smoke.

The government's immediate response was to prevent waste from entering the dump yard, forcing nine local bodies—Kochi corporation, five municipalities, and three panchayats—to go for alternative ways to dispose of waste without preparation. The Kochi corporation stopped collecting waste for some time and wanted all to manage their waste. Later, when the government allowed bio-waste from Kochi to be disposed of at Brahmapuram, the civic body resumed collecting waste from households but the system was never fully restored. Even now, hotels and other bulk generators are on their own, and for eight other local bodies, the yard is still off-limits. Deprived of a functioning system, many conveniently went back to the old habit of dumping waste wherever they can. While waste management at source is a healthy practice, expecting people to switch over one fine morning is foolish. People need to be equipped with the know-how and tools, and ensuring that is a civic body's responsibility.

If people are confused about waste management, it's because of the confusion among the decision-makers. The corporation has now implemented the decentralised system, which includes management at source, but this is a system it abandoned in 2011 when the vast Brahmapuram yard became available. And, the government recently announced the setting up of a 200-tonne biogas plant at Brahmapuram. If that happens, the people will have to switch over again. The fire disaster resulted from years of mishandling of waste, which led to the accumulation of 7.51 lakh cubic metres of legacy waste. The fact that between 2008 and 2023, the government and the corporation introduced five waste-management projects but none has been commissioned shows how the waste issue was handled. Kochi deserves to be clean and the authorities cannot wash their hands of what's essentially their responsibility.

QUICK TAKE

FIGHTING ANAEMIA

The government is dropping questions on anaemia from the sixth National Family Health Survey beginning July 6. The reason is the method of calculating anaemia levels is faulty. NFHS data shows 67% of infants and 57% of young women are anaemic, and the figures are rising. Even if the method is in question, the fact remains that anaemia is mainly prevalent, and that's where the government's focus should be. A national campaign must supply iron and folic acid to the target groups and address its non-nutritional causes like diseases. A wholesome diet for children and pregnant women is the absolute priority.

The self-proclaimed atheist became a proponent of the *Bhagavad Gita's* message and Indian spiritual traditions

CELEBRATING 108 YEARS OF SWAMI CHINMAYANANDA

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RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE

SOUMYADIP SINHA

Few in India know that celebrations to mark the 108th birth anniversary of Swami Chinmayananda (1916–1993) commenced on May 8. The numerous programmes and activities to mark this occasion are to continue into 2026, the start of the two-year diamond jubilee commemoration of the Chinmaya Mission, which he founded in 1953. With over 300 centres in more than 25 countries, the Mission is a force to reckon with not only in India but abroad as well. What is its purpose? As Chinmayananda famously said, "Let us convert Hindus to Hinduism, then everything will be all right."

I was unaware of this significant 108th milestone until I was invited to give a talk on the "Dynamic Silence of Ramana Maharshi" as part of the lecture series organised to mark this event. I immediately agreed, although I knew that it would be impossible to do justice to the silence of realisation in any number of words. Dynamic silence, as expounded by the Maharshi, is not the absence of speech or thought, but a state of pure awareness that remains unaffected by the fluctuations of the mind. Maharshi taught that by turning inward through the process of self-enquiry, one could know the Self as oneself.

By going into the very root of the question "Who am I", the illusion of separation fades away, leading to the direct experience of one's true nature—the pure consciousness that underlies all existence. This profound realisation brings about a radical shift in perception, allowing one to perceive the world and oneself from a place of clarity, compassion, and unity. As Shankaracharya's famous *Dakshinamurti Stotram* puts it: *Guro'stu maunam vyaakhyaanam sishyaastu chchinna samshayaah*—the Guru's silent exposition destroys the doubts of the disciples.

Did something similar happen to young Balakrishna Menon—for that was Chinmayananda's pre-monastic name—in his chance encounter with Ramana Maharshi in 1936? In his own words, "The Maharshi suddenly opened his eyes and looked straight into mine … A mere look, that was all. I felt that the Maharshi was, in that split moment, looking deep into me—and I was sure that he saw all my shallowness, confusions, faithlessness, imperfections, and fears." Later, reminiscing over this fortuitous encounter in 1982, Chinmayananda said, "Sri Ramana is not a theme for discussion; he is a experience; he is a state of consciousness. Sri Ramana was the highest reality and the cream of all scriptures in the world. He was there for all to see how a Master can live in perfect detachment."

It is said that fools venture where angels fear to tread. I foolishly accepted the invitation to speak on an unspeakable subject because I felt that the interconnectedness of India's great modern sages needs to be explored and expounded. In the case of Swami Chinmayananda and Ramana Maharshi, there is also a connection with the order of monks founded by Swami Sivananda, who was the guru of Swami Chinmayananda. It was Swami Chidananda, another disciple of Sivananda, who gave the Ramanasramam president, T N Venkataraman, *sannyasa diksha* in 1994 (As it happens, Ramanasramam is also celebrating its 100th anniversary this year). As the famous verse from *Guru Stotram* puts it, the guru principle is one indivisible, all-pervading whole (*akhanda mandala karam vyaptam yena cara caram*). Even if we see it, because of our identification with our bodies, as manifesting in so many different entities.

But from a mundane point of view, a question does arise. How did a chain-smoking, self-proclaimed atheist become the world-famous proponent and propagator of the message of the *Bhagavad Gita* and Indian spiritual traditions? That transformation is in itself a remarkable story that exemplifies the profound potential for spiritual awakening within each individual. Menon's early life as student activist, colonial prisoner, vagabond, dandy, and journalist with socialist leanings—seemed rather an unlikely prelude to what turned out to be a remarkable career in spiritual, educational, and social leadership.

His encounter with his guru, Swami Sivananda, proved to be the great turning point. It was a couple of months before India's Independence. Menon, who then worked for *National Herald*, set out in the summer of 1947 to Rishikesh, determined to check out the claims of the gurus, sanyasis and spiritualists with a critical, journalistic mind. His biographer, Nancy Freeman Patchen, records that Menon's purpose was far from spiritual: "'I am going to find out how those holy men are keeping up the bluff! I am prepared to expose the whole racket,' he declared to his friends."

Those observing Menon in those days were also confounded: "There did not appear to be a spiritual bone in Menon's body—he was an extrovert, always on the move, forever talking, constantly drilling everyone as the reporter that he was. They never saw him in meditative mood; instead, his main interest seemed to be his ever-present cigarette and a cup of tea." Except for his "big, bulging yogic eyes and extra-long arms," considered signs of a spiritual propensity, there were no outward signs to indicate a master in the making.

Two years later, on Sivaratri, February 25, 1949—after treks in the Himalayas and reluctant permission granted by his father—Balakrishna was initiated into the ancient order of renunciates and took on the name Chinmayananda. But the task ahead seemed too big to handle. Chinmayananda himself wondered, "Can I do it? Can I face the educated class of India and bring to their faithless hearts at least a ray of understanding of what our wondrous culture stands for?"

On the banks of the Ganga near Rishikesh, Chinmayananda got the answer he was looking for, from Mother Ganga herself: "None could argue against the Eternal Truth that man is in essence God. But could I explain it to others? Sitting, watching the Mother Ganga in her incessant hurry, I seemed to hear the words interlaced in her roar, 'Son, don't you see me; born here in the Himalayas, I rush down to the plains, taking with me both life and nourishment to all in my path. Fulfilment of any possession is in sharing it with others.' I felt encouraged, I felt reinforced. The urge became irresistible!"

The rest, as they say, is history.

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HOW THE SEA MADE AN OLD MAN CHANGE HIS WAYS

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FAITHLINE

If you google for a woodblock print called 'The Great Wave off Kanagawa' by Hokusai, you will see a terrifying image of a tsunami-like wave in blue and white with three helpless fishing boats caught below it and Mount Fuji in the background. This Japanese artwork from 1831 is described as "possibly the most reproduced image in the history of all art" and is said to have influenced Impressionist painters like Vincent Van Gogh and Claude Monet and French musicians like Claude Debussy in the 19th century. I happened to look again at the image recently and got to thinking that though our Eastern Seaboard is no stranger to tsunamis, I am not aware of any art or old stories on the subject in India. I wonder why that is so and would welcome any information on it from you to satisfy my interest.

I also wonder why a tsunami that hit coastal Tamil Nadu in ancient times does not figure in a list of historical tsunamis. This could possibly be because the text in which it is mentioned was discovered only in the late 19th century by the 'Tamil Tatha' or 'Tamil Grandfather' U V Swaminatha Iyer, which he published in 1898. The text is the Tamil epic Manimekhalai, which some scholars date back to the second or third century CE.

That ancient tsunami swallowed up the fabled port city of Kaveri Poompattinam, also known as Poompuhar or Puhar, the Blossom City. It was not far from present-day Nagapattinam, at the mouth of the river Kaveri. The discovery in recent times of submerged wharves and several metres of pier walls have reportedly corroborated the literary reference to what befell Poompuhar.

The tsunami belt stretches all the way from India to Japan, where Buddhist monks once sailed, taking their stories with them.

To my mind, this story from Japan that sounds so much like a Jataka in its mood and message stands in for Puhar's tsunami stories that appear to be lost to time.

It seems there was once a misanthropic old man in Japan who lived alone. He had been married once and had had children but they had all died young. After some years the man retreated to the top of the hill above his village, which was by the sea. He had fallen very comfortably into the habit of solitude and went down to the village only when he absolutely had to go, to trade and shop for things like salt, oil, spices and ropes.

The villagers were used to him and accepted his taciturn ways with a shrug. Two generations grew up meanwhile and when someone asked how long the old man had been up there on the hill, the villagers answered, "Always."

The old man felt he had good reason to despise his fellow beings. Their stupid, vain chatter about unimportant things, their petty quarrels and jealousies, their mean thefts and malicious tongues made them ugly in his eyes.

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The old man preferred his own company by far. He caught fish in the little mountain stream near his hut, harvested his precious, carefully tended peach trees, grew enough rice for himself in a few terraces beneath his backyard, and made sure to grow plenty of vegetables.

He wove his own cloth and dried his homemade noodles on a wooden frame that he had made himself. He ate his simple meals from a wooden bowl with chopsticks that he carved with his own hands. Afterwards, he would sit and stare contentedly out to sea while sipping tea, remembering always to thank the Lord Buddha or Daibutsu as he is called in Japan, for his health and good life. He liked listening to birdsong and watching the clouds shift shape and colour. Like all those who spend a lot of time outdoors and absorb many impressions of light and shade, he could instinctively tell you to the half hour what time of day it was.

One morning when he looked out at the sea, his eye was caught by a new rock far out from the shore. The water seemed to have rolled back from the shore all the way to this rock.

The old man frowned, trying to recall a tale that his grandfather had told him long ago of his own youth. Just so, had the sea receded far back until a submerged rock had suddenly revealed itself. Soon after that, the sea had sprung back in an unimaginably gigantic wave that had swallowed the village and miles of the countryside around.

Many helpless villagers had been taken by surprise and drowned in the vast wave of water. Their homes had broken apart and floated away and their crops were ruined while many old trees had crashed down under the weight and force of the water. It had taken the village five years to recover from the devastation.

The old man suddenly remembered with a start of horror that the annual fair for which the whole village gathered on the beach was on that very day. He forgot about being misanthropic and anti-social. A greater power called human duty had seized him.

He wondered frantically what he could do to save the villagers. He was too far away to run down and warn them in time. And then he had an idea.

Taking a deep, steadying breath, he began to swiftly and systematically collect every dry and wooden thing lying about and piled them all inside his hut. He then set fire to his hut, which, being made of wood, with a straw thatch, soon blazed up into a big fire.

Seeing the smoke and the blaze on top of the hill, the villagers cried out in alarm. They ran uphill in a body: men, women and children scurried to rescue the old man. Barely seconds after they reached the safety of the hill-top, the sea threw itself up into a gigantic wave and rushed in, engulfing the beach and everything below.

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Smart administration

Apropos of *ChatGPT helps IAS officer oversee sea change in Nellai* (June 11). Hats off to Gokul, who has been excellently doing his duty as Assistant Collector (Training) with aplomb notwithstanding his visual impairment. By effectively adopting ChatGPT and the VoiceOver option on his phone, he has proved that one can overcome obstacles in administration by using technology to one's advantage.

N Rama Rao, Chennai

Good samaritans

This is with reference to the article *The good samaritans of Balasore: An ode to humane instinct* (June 10). It is the local people who are the first respondents to an accident site. Expressing gratitude is inherent in the Indian ethos: These good samaritans should be publicly felicitated for their yeoman service to mankind.

Pratap Nayak, Bhubaneswar

Train tragedy

This is with reference to the article *The good samaritans of Balasore: An ode to humane instinct* (June 10). The editorial was timely. A big salute to the New Indian Express for highlighting the humanitarian help extended by all sections of society immediately after the horrific train tragedy.

V K Kumar, Thiruvananthapuram

Seshan's memoir

The article *Kanchi seer cautioned Rajiv week before death: Seshan's memoir* (June 10) made for interesting reading. But when fate is strong, how can someone's cautioning stop it? Seshan's memoir also upholds his strong belief in astrology.

Athulya M, Hyderabad

Pawar's decision

Octogenarian Sharad Pawar has handed over the family heirloom, Nationalist Congress Party, to his daughter Supriya and his trusted lieutenant Praful Patel, leaving nephew Ajit Pawar out in the cold. (*It's official: Supriya is Sharad Pawar's legatee* - June 11). Supriya, who has friends across parties, could be at the forefront of negotiating alliances with opposition parties for the general elections due next year.

C V Aravind, email

WTC loss

From day one of the World Cup Tournament, it was clear how the absence of Ravichandran Ashwin impacted the Indian side's bowling, leading to a mammoth total for the Australian team. Batting, particularly the top order, failed, leaving the bowlers to do the jobs of the batsmen! It was a self-inflicted defeat.

Balasubramanyam, Bengaluru

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Mehbooba Mufti @MehboobaMufti
Condemn police action against Fire & Emergency service aspirants for protesting peacefully. Request @manojsinha_ ji & RajGoyalji to intervene urgently

Ajit Pawar @AjitPawarSpeaks
The incident of police lathicharge on Warkari brothers during the departure ceremony of saint Dnyaneshwar Mauli Palkhi from Alandi is painful

Sanjay Raut @rautsanjay61
This is the Hindutva government. The Warkari brothers ate police sticks today. Tomorrow they will face the guns. Where is the CM now?

Why is Law Commission a toothless tiger?

Only 32.85% of recommendations submitted by way of 277 reports have been implemented since inception

SHRUTI KAKKAR @ New Delhi

LAW reforms in the last 300 years of Indian history have been a continuous process and the Indian Law Commission, which was constituted in 1955, has played a major role in this regard. Tasked with the identification of laws that are not in harmony with the present climate and no longer needed, the Law Commission aims to playing a key role in maintaining satisfactory standard of the quality of laws. Steered by the best legal minds ever since its inception, the commission has been riddled with problems.

The fact that only 32.85% of recommendations submitted by the Law Commission by way of 277 reports have been implemented gives us a fair idea of its failure to play an imperative role in influencing the Indian legislative landscape.

The first Law Commission gave a report titled, 'Liability of the State in Torts; in 1956 and recommended enacting comprehensive legislation. A bill was introduced in 1965, which was reintroduced in 1967, but it got lapsed in 1970 due to the resolution of the Parliament.

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

The 22nd Law Commission recently recommended retaining the colonial sedition law, but the Union law minister Arjun Ram Meghwal, in the wake of Opposition backlash, said recommendations in the report were persuasive and not binding.

Most of the recommendations are kept in cold storage. According to the Department of Legal Affairs, 16 reports were not accepted by the government. Over 100 reports are pending and information has been collected with regard to 52 reports.

MATTER OF FACT

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Recommendations only persuasive and not binding: Union law minister Arjun Ram Meghwal

The Madras High Court in K Pushpavanam vs The Union of India on August 17, 2021 said: "When an advisory body established by executive order for the purpose of making recommendations after analysing the issues thoroughly, inviting inputs from various stakeholders, including the public and after discussing and analysing all the inputs make a recommendation regarding a particular issue, it is the bounden duty of the Government either to act upon the recommendation or to take a decision to accept or to reject. It is very unfortunate that most of the recommendations are not acted upon. If such is the attitude of the government, it would make one think that there is no necessity for any law commission."

After completion of the 21st Law Commission in 2018, the notification of the 22nd Law Commission was made after a period of 17 months and the appointment of members in 2022 not only added to the woes but also affected the progress of the law-making process in the country.

In the backdrop of limited influence which the Commission enjoys, the need of the hour is to reengineer this agency to strengthen its functioning. This can be done by establishing accountability mechanisms for the Commission, appointing non-executive persons to maintain its independence and re working its composition in such a manner that it comprise of not only members from legal fraternity but also members who belong to allied fields such as economics, sociology and political science.

POWER GAMES

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Pawar Play

ALL EYES ON CORNERED AJIT'S NEXT MOVE

Supriya Sule, the newly-appointed working president of the Nationalist Congress Party, had predicted two earthquakes in Maharashtra politics. They have occurred - the resignation of Sharad Pawar as NCP chief and its subsequent withdrawal, and the appointment of Supriya and Praful Patel as the party's second-in-command after Pawar. Observers of Maharashtra politics are now waiting for the third earthquake – the next move by Ajit Pawar, the powerful nephew of Sharad Pawar. In the latest round of party appointments, Sharad Pawar has anointed Supriya as his political heir. The new arrangements have left Ajit completely sidelined. He had been arguably the most popular and powerful NCP leader after the party patriarch. No other than Sharad Pawar had groomed him and helped him scale such heights. But he fell out with his uncle on the issue of joining the Maharashtra government with the BJP. The BJP fears continuing with the Sena faction of chief minister Eknath Shinde may hurt it in the upcoming Lok Sabha and assembly elections because of its unpopularity. It has, therefore, been trying to rope in the NCP. Ajit is keen to join the government. But Supriya is not. Sharad Pawar has spoken his mind through the party reshuffle, which is read as an exercise to ring-fence NCP MLAs against a possible poaching attempt by Ajit. All eyes are now on Ajit's next move.

Desert Storm

BJP TURNS TO RAJE AFTER KARNATAKA DEFEAT

Former Rajasthan chief minister Vasundhara Raje is likely to be catapulted into a position of prominence by the BJP leadership. Sources said a decision to this effect had been taken when party president J P Nadda met home minister Amit Shah and general secretary K L Santosh last week. The top leadership of the BJP feels that one of the reasons for its defeat in Karnataka was the sidelining of its popular state leader B S Yediyurappa. The party does not want to repeat its mistake in Rajasthan. According to sources, Vasundhara may get the post of campaign committee chief. She had earlier been denied the posts of legislature party leader and state president. There are reports that the party had earlier dissociated itself from her district-level outreach programmes. But that was before the Karnataka results came in. The defeat has made the BJP realise that it cannot hope to win state elections merely on the strength of the Prime Minister's popularity. Local leaders are critical for winning state elections. After Nadda met with Shah and Santosh, Vasundhara was called to Delhi. She had a long meeting with Santosh. The two will meet again later this week, and a decision about her role in the next election may be taken. The party had been toying with the idea of leadership change in Rajasthan, where Vasundhara has been a dominant figure. Many leaders, including Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, Railways and MEITY minister Ashwini Vaishnaw and Jal Shakti minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat were considered as possible faces for the upcoming election. But Karnataka seems to have changed the party's plan.

After two months, Indian mission in Qatar to get envoy

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

AFTER a gap of nearly two months, the Indian Embassy in Doha will soon have an Ambassador. As reported first by this newspaper in March 28, Joint Secretary (Gulf) Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) **Vipul** will soon assume charge as Ambassador in Doha.

"This was an announcement we have been avidly waiting for. Vipul is aware of the entire case of our eight naval veterans and our hopes of repartiation have been revived," said a kin of the naval veteran in solitary confinement in Doha.

The eight naval veterans have been under confinement since August 2022 and after charges were made they are being tried under Qatari Law.

The Indian government is taking care of the legal proceedings and many family members of these veterans are already in Doha.

"Three hearings have taken place since the charges were made and though we have no clue on what they actually our we are optimistic that justice will prevail. And with Vipul's moving there we will have more clarity on whats going on in Doha. The next hearing is on June 21st as we hope to get some respite," the kin added.

The task for the new Ambassador in Qatar will be an uphill one and expectations will be high amongst the family members now of their early repatriation.

Vipul, a 1998-batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer, is presently serving as the joint secretary in the Gulf division at the headquarters of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) in New Delhi.

In his current position, Vipul has been handling India's diplomatic engagement with the Middle-East region.

India's overall ties with the Middle-East region has witnessed significant upswing in the last few years.

The last Ambassador, Deepak Mitttal, returned to India in the end of March and joined the Prime Ministers Office (PMO).

16 sailors back home after 9 months in Nigerian jail

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

SIXTEEN Indian sailors who got detained in Equatorial Guinea and Nigeria nine months back finally returned home on Saturday. The sailors faced accusations of oil theft by the Nigerian authorities, underwent trials and when finally a settlement was agreed upon, they were set free.

Oil tanker MT Heroic Idun and its 26 crew members, 16 of whom are Indian nationals, had been in detention since August 2022, initially in Equatorial Guinea and subsequently in Nigeria (they moved there in November 2022).

The ship and crew were accused of various crimes, including oil theft and falsely accusing the Nigerian Navy of piracy. "From the outset, Government of India, through its Missions in Equatorial Guinea and Nigeria, and in bilateral meetings, took up the matter with the respective foreign authorities at various levels. They were pressed for early resolution of the issue and repatriation of the Indian crew members," say sources.

Following interventions with the Nigerian government, the crew was allowed to remain on board the ship with provision of regular food, instead of being taken to a detention centre. They were allowed periodic contact with their families.

Cyclone Biparjoy to cross Gujarat in 3-4 days, says IMD advisory

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

AFTER days of tracking the Cyclone Biparjoy in the Arabian Sea, the Indian Meteorological Department has now come up with its final route. The cyclone will likely cross India's western state Gujarat in the next 3-4 days.

"Biparjoy cyclone is very likely to move nearly northward till 14 June morning, then move north-north-eastwards and cross Saurashtra & Kutch in Gujarat and adjoining Pakistan coasts between Mandvi (Gujarat) and Karachi (Pakistan) around noon of June 15 as a very severe cyclonic storm with maximum sustained wind speed of 125-135 kmph gusting to 150 kmph," stated IMD in its advisory.

Cyclone Biporjoy is now the strongest cyclone in Arabian Sea after Taukatae in 2021. Also, the accumulated cyclone energy (ACE) in the north Indian Ocean has now reached 27.6 – the third-highest ACE in the pre-monsoon season in the satellite era since 1982. The highest-ever-recorded ACE was in 2019 at 37.67.

The IMD has warned of heavy rainfall for some of Gujarat's districts, such as Kutch, Devbhumi Dwarka, Porbandar, Jamnagar, Rajkot, Junagarh and Morbi in the next two days. It also advised total suspending fishing operations over east-central and adjoining west-central Arabian Sea until June 15.

"Fishermen are advised not to venture into the Central Arabian Sea till June 15 and North Arabian Sea during June 12-15 and those out at sea are advised to return to coast" states IMD.

Besides the cyclone, IMD also forecasted favourable conditions for further advancement of the Southwest monsoon into some more parts of the central Arabian Sea, some more parts of Karnataka, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and remaining parts of Tamil Nadu and north-east states and some parts of West Bengal, Sikkim and Bihar in next 48 hours.

However, former secretary of the Ministry of Earth Sciences, Madhavan Rajeevan analysed of delayed advances of the current monsoon to eastern and central India by 10 days.

"I do not see any signs of weather system forming over the Bay of Bengal till June 20 which may delay of onset over eastern parts of central India by 7-10 days," said Rajeevan. "Farmers should be advised properly" he said.

The Southwest Monsoon arrived a week late against the normal date of June 1.

INDIA'S ROBUST GROWTH STORY AMID GLOBAL SLOWDOWN

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WHILE INDIA IS ONE OF THE MOST ATTRACTIVE INVESTMENT DESTINATIONS, THERE IS NO DATA ON SECTOR-WISE AND COUNTRY-WISE FDI INFLOWS. THIS MAKES IT CHALLENGING TO UNDERSTAND WHICH TYPES OF FIRMS FROM WHICH COUNTRIES ARE INVESTING IN WHAT KIND OF SECTORS. MANY COUNTRIES LIKE AUSTRALIA PUBLISH DATA ON FTA UTILISATION TO HELP ANALYSE THE IMPACT OF THE FTA

THE world is going through a difficult time. The IMF predicted that the global economic growth rate would fall from 3.4% in 2022 to 2.8% in 2023. Merchandise trade is expected to decline from 2.7% in 2022 to 1.7% in 2023 (WTO). A series of related events, from the COVID-19 pandemic to the Russia-Ukraine war, high inflation, geo-political tensions and disruption of supply chains, have caused this economic downturn.

India is doing fairly well in these difficult times

India is among the fastest-growing countries in the world. India's exports of goods and services reached US$766 billion in 2022. Merchandise exports were US$453 billion, while services exports saw a 30% jump over 2021 to reach US$313 billion in 2022.

India is among the top investment destinations in Asia. In 2021, India was the 7th largest FDI recipient, with US$45 billion in inflows (UNCTAD). In the same year, India captured almost 50% of the total R&D investment in developing Asia.

India's growth drivers

India's continued high growth and exports are driven by several path-breaking reforms, starting with the implementation of the GST to the production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme and measures to reduce logistics costs, such as the PM Gati-Shakti National Master Plan (PMGS-NMP) and the National Logistics Policy (NLP). The focus on the logistics sector has helped India to improve its ranking from 44 in 2018 to 38 (out of 139 countries) in 2023 in the World Bank's Logistics Performance Index 2023.

To meet the export target of US$2 trillion by 2030, India has fast-tracked the free trade agreement (FTA) negotiations with like-minded and critical export markets.

It signed comprehensive agreements with Mauritius and the United Arab Emirates and the ECTA (Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement) with Australia. It is negotiating a complete agreement with the UK, Australia, Canada and the European Union. These agreements focus on diversifying the goods and services export baskets, attracting investments and building resilient supply chains. India's recent Foreign Trade Policy (FTP, 2023), focusing on trade facilitation, is in the right direction to support export growth.

Robust trade, investment data will reduce fears

While India seems to be doing fairly well, many in India and abroad are apprehensive of the growth, worried about employment and job losses and about opening up sectors under trade agreements. The fears have compounded due to the global slowdown and its impact on some of our exports, including technology services exports. Such fear is primarily because of the lack of data and evidence. Major services exporting countries, unlike India, are now publishing their bilateral services trade data. Aside from the developed countries like Australia, the USA and the UK, developing nations like Malaysia also report their data on bilateral trade in services to international organisations like the WTO. While countries like the USA report data for around 71 countries, Malaysia is reporting for about 22 partner countries, including India.

While India is one of the most attractive investment destinations, there is no data on sector-wise and country-wise FDI inflows. This makes it challenging to understand which types of firms from which countries are investing in what kind of sectors.

Many countries like Australia publish data on FTA utilisation to help analyse the impact of the FTA.

Using such data, scholars in these countries can do robust data modelling to understand the pre and post-impact of the trade agreement. Robust data availability will help better data analysis for trade negotiations.

For example, scenario analysis can be done to showcase the impacts of liberalisation on GDP, employment and investment, which will, in turn, help to show evidence-based outcomes of the benefits of the FTA and liberalisation with key export markets.

A report by one of the authors, titled 'Express Delivery Services: Supporting the Journey towards India@2047', found that export data through the express or e-commerce mode is not captured in India's total trade data. Hence, our trade and exports may be underreported.

While the Foreign Trade Policy FTP (2023) has identified four new towns of economic excellence in addition to the already existing 39 towns and focuses on making districts the export hubs, it is also essential to know how micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in this town and across districts and production centres can be linked to the global value chain and what kind of capacity building programme and training do they need for such linkages.

Such information can help in targeted policy designs.

Better data gathering can help to showcase India

All stakeholders - government, academicians and the private sector can collaborate for better data gathering, collation and analysis. Indian needs a state-of-the-art trade data centre, and this can be designed after looking at global best practices in data collection, identifying the data gaps and using surveys and other tools to collect and collate data and information. Such information will also help diversify our production and export baskets, focusing on high and inclusive growth, attracting investment and generating employment.

India is doing well in a difficult global scenario. However, unlike many countries, India is yet to showcase its success stories through data. It is often difficult to convey success stories and build business confidence without data and evidence. A robust trade and investment data will further confirm India's high growth performance, build business confidence and help in policy design.

SAVE THE TREE

The Latur Municipal Corporation of Maharashtra has filed a case against a man and imposed a fine of ₹1 lakh on him for allegedly cutting down a tree on Sunday. The man allegedly cut down a 40-feet tall tree and was felling another when caught.

22 HERITAGE FESTIVALS TO BE HELD IN PUNJAB THIS YEAR

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	37	29	Mumbai	34	27
Bhopal	40	28	Panaji	32	28
Jaipur	41	28	Patna	42	30
Amritsar	41	28	Lucknow	42	31
Chennai	38	29	Port Blair	32	27
Kolkata	37	29	Imphal	30	21
Srinagar	32	22	Chandigarh	43	28

Pilot stays with Congress, but sticks to his demands

No big announcement in Dausa rally as he is taking a 'principled stand'

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

PROVING all speculations wrong, Sachin Pilot has decided to stay with the Congress. He is neither forming a new party nor joining any other party. This was the central message from the much-anticipated rally in Dausa on the occasion of his father Rajesh Pilot's death anniversary on Sunday.

However, Pilot did not miss out on attacking his bête noire and Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot and asserted that he will make no compromise with his demands action on corruption and paper leak, and the future of the youth.

The memorial service for the late Rajesh Pilot was held, with prayers at his statue in the presence of a large gathering of Pilot supporters. The event this time was eagerly watched by observers as there was a buzz that they even could see Sachin forming a new party.

After unveiling a new statue of Rajesh Pilot at a Gujjar hostel, Pilot targeted his opponents. Taking a dig at CM Gehlot's famous jumla of 'har galti aazaa maangti hai", Pilot remarked: "Someone has rightly said that every mistake demands punishment. No matter how we are related to each other, the greatest justice is given by the one with the blue umbrella (God). If not today then tomorrow justice will definitely be done."

Congress leader Sachin Pilot addresses the public after the unveiling of his father Rajesh Pilot's statue in Dausa on Sunday | PTI

> **I am not going to back down from the voice I have raised. Whether we hold any position or not, the public always weighs what we say and what we do**
>
> Sachin Pilot, Congress leader

While he refrained from announcing any 'drastic action' to escalate his feud with Gehlot, Pilot insisted that he would not back down from his demands.

He asserted: "I am not going to back down from the voice I have raised. Whether we hold any position or not, the public always weighs what we say and what we do. For me the credibility with the public that I have earned is the biggest asset. I have never done anything which can reduce this faith."

The Pilot camp say he wants a resolution of the issues raised, especially his demand that the Gehlot government should take action against alleged corruption in the former BJP regime.

No violence in Manipur, life limps back to normalcy

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

MANIPUR is limping back to normalcy after over a month-long unrest, which was triggered by the ethnic clashes between Meiteis and Kukis in the hill state.

Official sources said no untoward incident was reported from any part of the state during the past 48 hours.

The state's Information and Public Relations Minister and government spokesperson Dr Sapam Ranjan said it was evident from the non-occurrence of any untoward incidents in the past two days that peace and normalcy were returning to the state.

According to him, 50,648 people, displaced by the violence, are lodged in 349 relief camps set up in the Imphal Valley and some hill districts.

Ranjan said essential commodities were being brought by using National Highway 37 which enters the state from Assam's Barak Valley. National Highway 2, which traverses from Nagaland, is the shorter route but the protesting Kuki organisations have enforced a blockade on it.

The minister said altogether 2,370 trucks, carrying essential items, arrived in the state till Saturday.

Kejriwal returns to home turf to up ante on ordinance

ANUP VERMA @ New Delhi

ARVIND Kejriwal on Sunday returned to the 'sacred stage' of Ramlila Maidan to launch a scathing attack on the BJP-led Central government over its ordinance aimed at curtailing the city government's powers by controlling services, warning other Opposition parties that similar ordinances will be brought to other states as well.

His Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) was formed at the same venue in November 2012.

"Twelve years ago, we were here to fight against corruption. This is a sacred stage. We are back here today to oust a dictator from the country. This is a movement to end dictatorship, to bring back democracy," Kejriwal said while calling the ordinance an insult to the people of Delhi.

Addressing a massive crowd at a 'Maha Rally', Kejriwal said, "There will be dictatorship in Delhi where the Lieutenant-Governor is supreme. People can vote for whoever they want, but the Centre will run Delhi."

AAP's causes

The AAP supremo said that while they were in Delhi 12 years ago to fight corruption, they are now back to oust a dictator

"The Supreme Court said that democracy, as well as the will of the people, is supreme. The elected government, irrespective of the party, should have the right to work. Should the Prime Minister adhere to the ruling? Modi Ji said he does not adhere to anyone. He (PM Modi) passed an ordinance," Kejriwal said.

"I want to tell the people of Delhi that they are not alone in this fight. The people across the country and their leaders are standing in solidarity with you. Over 140 crore people across the country stand with you. This includes the people of West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Jharkhand, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh, etc."

"...I have received information that this is only the first weapon that BJP plans to use to bring changes to the Constitution that will go on to overthrow democratic institutions. Such ordinances can tomorrow be issued in Rajasthan, Punjab and Maharashtra. So, it needs to be stopped now," he said.

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Gehlot's free mobile scheme stuck in dispute

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot government is keen on launching a free mobile scheme for 1.4 crore women in the state from August 30, but this ambitious scheme is being delayed due to a tussle over the rates with Airtel Jio. By giving free mobiles or its subsidy directly to the account of the women heads of 1 crore 40 lakh families, the government hopes to make inroads in more households. A budget of `2,600 crore has been fixed for the first phase of the free mobile scheme. Sources believe the state government can give a subsidy between `5,500 and `6,500.

BJP, Cong sing in same tunes on Jaipur's division

In a rare case, the BJP and Congress have taken a unanimous stand. Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot had earlier announced the creation of 17 new districts, which would see slicing of Jaipur into two. Rajasthan's Cabinet Minister of Food and Civil Supplies Pratap Singh Khachariyawas, a Congress leader, said that he will make sure Jaipur stays intact, and that he has talked to all the MLAs in this regard. He was thanked by BJP politician Sunil Kothari. Rumours are also rife that Khachariyawas is unhappy with the CM because a `3,000 crore budget for distribution of free food packets was given to CONFED instead of his department.

HC seeks suggestions to prevent student suicides

The Rajasthan High Court has asked the Advocate General, Amicus Curiae and National Commission for Protection of Child Rights to give suggestions to prevent suicides of students coaching for admission to top engineering and medical institutes in Kota. Taking suo moto cognisance on the rising suicides at Kota's coaching institutes after five students ended life last month, the high court has asked how to develop an effective psychological counselling system to prevent such deaths and improve their mental health. Known as the coaching capital, Kota's coaching institutes charge huge money and pile a lot of stress on students.

J'khand hospital burns stillborn baby along with garbage

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

A stillborn baby was allegedly burnt along with garbage by the staff of a hospital in Garhwa district of Jharkhand staff on Saturday even as the family were out to make preparations for the last rites.

According to the family members, they had gone to the market to buy shrouds to perform last rites for the stillborn baby when the Auxiliary Nursing Midwife (ANM) and midwife of the hospital placed it in a burning garbage dump within half an hour of birth.

The grandmother of the baby, Rajmati Devi, said she had brought her pregnant daughter Madhu Devi to the hospital at 3 pm on Saturday. "After one and a half hours, a stillborn baby was born, but without handing the body over to us, ANMs Nirmala Kumari and Manju Kumari along with the midwife Daulat Devi dumped the dead baby in the garbage can, which was burnt later," she said.

The three accused — two ANMs and the midwife — have been taken into custody and further action is being taken by the police.

Giriraj at it again, says will drive out illegal Muslim migrants from country

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

UNION minister **Giriraj Singh** on Sunday asked Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar to take concrete steps for repatriation of all illegal Bangladeshi infiltrators and Rohingya Muslims from the state.

The Minister of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Department made the remark while replying to a query during his interaction with a group of students in Begusarai, his constituency in Bihar.

The BJP's firebrand leader said that all foreign infiltrators should be repatriated from the state. He maintained that the BJP would take steps for repatriation of Bangladeshis and Rohingya Muslims if his party formed the government in the state after the next assembly elections, if the Nitish government failed to do so.

Singh said the Bangladeshi insurgents should not be viewed from the prism of vote bank politics as the country was already bearing the burden of a huge population. "Nitish should identify all insurgents and should take steps for their repatriation from the state. BJP

will take necessary measures for it if it forms the government in the state," he added.

Earlier, state BJP president Samrat Choudhary had asserted that all Bangladeshi insurgents would be thrown out of Bihar after identifying them. The BJP keeps alleging that the Muslim-dominated Seemanchal region of the state, bordering Nepal, has a substantial population of Rohingya Muslims and Bangladeshi infiltrators.

On Friday, Giriraj had stoked a controversy when he described Nathuram Godse as 'saput' (son) of 'Bharat Mata'. The minister had said that Godse was born in this country and was not an invader like Babur or Aurangazed.

BJP, Congress vie for tribal votes in Mahakoshal region in poll-bound MP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Gond and Baiga tribe-dominated Mahakoshal region in Madhya Pradesh has turned into a beehive of political activity ahead of the Assembly polls. Eyeing the 48% women voters in the state, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan transferred the first ₹1,000 monthly instalment into the accounts of 1.25 crore women under the CM Laadli Behana Yojana in Jabalpur on Saturday.

Considered the gateway to entire Gondwana/Mahakoshal region, the same Jabalpur city (which is also called MP's Sanskardhani or cultural capital) is also set to witness the launch of Congress's Assembly poll campaign by party's national general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra today. Priyanka's itinerary will begin with performing Narmada Pujan at Gwarighat – on the banks of river Narmada, before embarking on a 8-km road show to Gol Bazar-Shaheed Smarak, where she would address a poll rally. There, she is likely to announce women centric plans by the Congress for the year-end Assembly polls. With Priyanka setting the tone for the year-end polls from Jabalpur, it will also

MP CM Shivraj Singh Chauhan addresses a gathering in Jabalpur | EXPRESS

send a positive message to another poll-bound state, the Congress-ruled Chhattisgarh, which neighbours Mahakoshal region of MP.

Meanwhile, over 130 km from Jabalpur, CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan will be performing a bhoomi-pujan ceremony of a giant 108ft Parashuram statue and other religious projects in presence of top Hindu seers in Vijayraghavgarh Assembly constituency of Katni district. The giant statue of Parashuram, a Brahmin icon and the sixth incarnation of Lord Vishnu and related Hindu religion projects are the brainchild of mining baron-turned-local BJP MLA Sanjay Pathak, who before 2014 was a Congress legislator.

Jabalpur, in particular, is considered the gateway of Mahakoshal region. The same city houses the sasurals of national BJP president JP Nadda and state BJP chief VD Sharma. The 38-assembly seats strong region, which includes seven seats of state Congress chief Kamal Nath's pocket-borough Chhindwara district, had been won by Congress in 2018 Assembly polls.

Jaishankar breaks bread with Dalits in Varanasi

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

IN Varanasi to preside over the G-20 meet of development ministers, External Affairs Minister (EAM) Dr S Jaishankar, on Sunday, claimed that in crisis, India and its leadership has always been trusted.

"Wherever there is any crisis, we can trust our country," Jaishankar said while addressing a seminar on Indian Foreign Policy Objectives and features at the Gandhi Adhyayan Peeth Auditorium on the eve of the G-20 meet which commenced formally with a Sunday dinner in PM Modi's parliamentary constituency Varanasi. The EAM said that not just Indians but even people from over 100 developing nations had trust in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership that he would find a solution whenever there was a crisis.

Earlier on Sunday morning, Jaishankar had breakfast at Dalit booth president Sujata Dhusia's residence which he later wrote about on Twitter, "The breakfast was delicious. From today onwards, we are having G-20 programs in Varanasi; there will be discussions

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has a meal at the residence of BJP's Varanasi booth president Sujata Ghosia in Varanasi on Sunday | PTI

on food security, grains, fertilisers & millet."

The G-20 Development Ministers' Meeting under Indian presidency is scheduled to be held from June 12-13 in Varanasi. The meeting will have a video address by the PM on Monday. The Varanasi Development Ministers' Meeting takes place in the midst of mounting developmental challenges that have been made worse by the slowdown in the global economy, debt distress, the effects of climate change, pollution, and biodiversity loss, rising poverty and inequality, the cost of living crisis, supply chain disruptions around the world, and geopolitical tensions and conflicts.

Jaishankar held meetings with various dignitaries on the sidelines of the G-20 meet. He also met Australian development minister Pat Conroy on Sunday. While talking on India's foreign policy achievements and rescue operations carried out in various countries to bring home stranded Indians, he said, "You will remember Indians stranded in Ukraine were brought back through Operation Ganga. Residents in Sudan were also brought home through Operation Kaveri. Countrymen were brought from Ukraine through 90 flights. There was an earthquake in Nepal, and then there was a storm in Myanmar. Similarly, the rescue operation we did in Turkiye after the massive earthquake."

G-20 meet in Varanasi amid mounting issues

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1st time since Independence, tribals in Maoist-hit village get voter cards

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

AS India celebrates 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' to mark the 75 glorious years of independence, tribals living in the remote Maoist-affected Bijapur district of Bastar, about 380 km south of Raipur have received their very first identity cards.

As many as 233 tribals of distantly located Gampur village got their voter ID cards issued for the first time. It was not an easy task for the Bijapur administration that reached out to inhabitants of Gampur, that are not only illiterate but also do not have a mobile phone or an Aadhaar card.

"After being enrolled in the voters list, the Gampur villagers can now exercise their right to franchise. We are trying to reach out to such habitats in

Maoist strongholds by organising camps at convenient places like local weekly haat bazaar, where the villagers turn up in good numbers in groups", Rajendra Katara, Bijapur collector told this newspaper.

Bastar tribals in Bijapur's Gampur village receive their voter ID card | EXPRESS

The administration got their voter IDs issued by the Election Commission prepared for the tribals settled in the Maoist epicenter so that they can vote in the upcoming Assembly polls due later this year in Chhattisgarh. Besides the voter ID cards, the villagers were also issued Aadhaar, ration, Ayushman and labour cards.

According to the Bijapur district administration there are still such tribal villages where people do not have voter ID cards. It can be due to missing identity proof or looming influence of left-wing extremists. The administration plans to reach out to them as well. The efforts to enroll them continue despite the challenge of Maoists' calls for poll-boycott.

Officials in Bijapur admitted that over 40 per cent of the district remains under the sway of the left-wing extremists, consequently any programme or plan needs an implied consent from Maoists.

The local tribes often cover 20-25 km to reach a camp in remote Bastar. Gampur tribals from Bijapur had to attend the camp at Kirandul in adjoining Dantewada district.

Honduras opens China embassy after cutting ties with Taiwan

Honduras officially opened an embassy in China on Sunday, months after the Central American country switched its diplomatic allegiance from Taipei to Beijing

Cutting diplomatic ties with Taiwan

Reina said earlier this month that China had already opened the door to imports of melons, shrimp, bananas and other Honduran products

Qin attended the ceremony on Sunday, the official *Xinhua* news agency said, shaking hands with Reina in front of a row of Chinese and Honduran flags

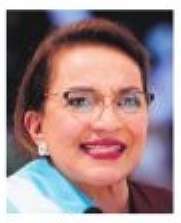
In March, Honduras cut diplomatic ties with Taiwan in favour of Beijing. The switch reduced the number of countries that diplomatically recognise Taipei to just 13

China opened an embassy in the Honduran capital Tegucigalpa this week

New opportunities

"The relations between Honduras and China will open new opportunities and capabilities to strengthen the cooperation between both countries," Honduran Foreign Minister Enrique Reina said

CASTRO IS EXPECTED TO SIGN A HOST OF AGREEMENTS DURING HER VISIT



Honduran President Xiomara Castro arrived in Shanghai on Friday for a five-day visit to cement the relationship and will meet with Chinese President Xi Jinping in Beijing

Chinese Foreign Minister Qin Gang pledged that China would establish a new model with Honduras of "friendly cooperation" between countries with different sizes and systems, according to a statement from China's Foreign Ministry

Ukraine 'retrieves' lost villages, Russia disputes

In first gain of counteroffensive, Ukraine retakes the villages of Blagodatne and Neskuchne in Donetsk region

KYIV

KYIV announced on Sunday that Ukrainian forces have retaken a village in the country's southeast, the first reported gain of the offensive.

Ukraine's ground forces said in a statement on Sunday that soldiers of the 68th separate ranger brigade had "liberated the settlement of Blagodatne" in eastern region of Donetsk.

The ground forces released a video showing soldiers hoisting a Ukrainian flag over a destroyed building.

Another military spokesman, Valeriy Shershen, said in televised remarks that the retaken village was located on the border of the eastern region of Donetsk and the southern region of Zaporizhzhia.

> **The enemy keeps shelling us but this won't stop us. The next village we plan to reclaim is Urozhayne. After that, (we'll proceed) further south**
>
> Myroslav Semeniuk, Spokesman for the ranger brigade

Myroslav Semeniuk, spokesman for the brigade, told *AP* that an assault team captured six Russian troops after entering buildings where some 60 soldiers were holed up.

Ukraine announced it had retaken the village of Neskuchne in the eastern Donetsk region, the second reported gain of its new offensive. "Neskuchne of the Donetsk region is under Ukrainian flag again," the state border guard service said.

The Russian Defence Ministry on Sunday continued to insist that it was repelling Ukrainian attacks in the area. It said that Ukrainian attempts at offensive operations on the southern Donetsk and Zaporizhzhia axes of the frontline over the past 24 hours have been "unsuccessful."

Ukrainian servicemen ride atop an armoured personnel carrier vehicle (APC) in the Zaporizhzhya region on Sunday | AFP

Vladimir Rogov, a Russian-installed official in the Zaporizhzhia region, insisted that Blahodatne, along with two other villages in Zaporizhzhia, are in a "gray area" in terms of who controls them. As per Rogov, the Ukrainian forces have briefly seized another village in the neighboring Donetsk region, but were swiftly routed by the Russian troops.

The Russian military have also accused Ukraine of attacking—albeit unsuccessfully—one of its ships in Black Sea.

Russia's Defence Ministry said attempted attack took place on Sunday when six unmanned speedboats targeted Russia's Priazovye reconnaissance vessel that was "monitoring the situation and ensuring security along the routes of the TurkStream and Blue Stream gas pipelines in southeastern part of Black Sea." *Agencies*

Taliban slams baseless and biased UN report suggesting rifts within their ranks

ISLAMABAD

AFGHANISTAN'S Taliban-appointed Interior Minister Sirajuddin Haqqani is reportedly seeking to take under his control the most promising economic projects, primarily the construction of the Afghan section of the Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India gas pipeline, a UN report has said.

The 14th report of the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team of the 1988 Taliban Sanctions Committee of the UN Security Council said that discord among Taliban officials over the distribution of positions in the de facto state apparatus and administrations is 'significant.'

"Disagreements are reportedly rife between acting Interior Minister and leader of the Haqqani Network, Sirajuddin Haqqani and acting First Deputy PM, Mullah Baradar," the report, issued on Friday, said.

It added that while Baradar has "less influence" in government, he retains the support of southern provincial administrations. In addition, Baradar is seeking to control the process for the Taliban gaining international recognition, unfreezing Afghan assets abroad and expanding foreign assistance.

The UN report added that the friction within the Taliban leadership has been overtaken by growing frustrations with the direction of the de facto authorities, in particular around the centralisation of power in Kandahar and over key policy decisions, such as the ban on girls' education.

The Taliban's main spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid rejected the report's "accusations" of strife, saying they were baseless and demonstrated "obvious hostility" to Afghans. Rumors of disagreement between the group's leaders are a continuation of the propaganda of the past 20 years, he said.

"The publication of such biased and baseless reports by the Security Council does not help Afghanistan and international peace and security, rather, it increases worry among the people." *Agencies*

Imran upset over losing army's support, claims Bilawal

ISLAMABAD

PAKISTAN Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari has said that deposed PM Imran Khan is not against the army's interference in politics but is upset with the powerful establishment only because it is no longer supporting him. "Khan's problem with the Pakistan Army began in April of last year when it declared that it would not get involved in politics and would not take sides," Bilawal told *Al Jazeera*.

Imran's issue with the army is not that they're involved in politics; his problem with the army is they're not getting involved to support him, he said.

Bilawal said that the role of the army in Pakistan's politics cannot be denied. "More than half of our history has been covered by military rule. My party, the Pakistan Peoples Party, has challenged each and every single dictatorship in Pakistan's history." He said Imran supported every dictatorship in Pakistan, including the last dictatorship of former president General (retd) Pervez Musharraf. "Khan's political history is that he has supported every dictator and autocrat ...," he said.

The foreign minister said that Imran's rise to power in 2018 is well-documented. "It is an established fact that he was brought into power through a rigged election in collaboration with some former officers of the Pakistan Army." Responding to a question about the army's popularity after May 9 events, Bilawal said the majority of the people of the country want the army to remain apolitical.

SINCE 2019

China has spy base in Cuba, says US official

China has been operating an intelligence unit in Cuba for years and upgraded it in 2019 in an effort to enhance its presence on the Caribbean island, a White House official said. "This is well-documented in the intelligence record," the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said in confirming China's intelligence presence. When President Joe Biden took office in January 2021, "we were briefed on...sensitive PRC efforts around the world to expand its overseas logistics, basing, and collection infrastructure globally," the official said, using an acronym for the People's Republic of China. "This effort included the presence of PRC intelligence collection facilities in Cuba," official said. "The PRC conducted an upgrade of its intelligence collection facilities in Cuba in 2019." Cuba slammed the latest development. "Slanderous speculation continues, promoted by certain media outlets to cause damage and alarm, without following minimal communication patterns, and without providing data...to support what they spread," Deputy Foreign Minister Carlos Fernandez de Cossio said on Twitter. **AF**

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ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTIFICATION

M/s. Angadi Sugars and Power Limited, have proposed to establish Sugarcane Crushing Plant of capacity 5000 TCD, Co-generation power plant of 25 MW & Multi feedstock Distillery Plant of capacity 200 KLPD at Sy Nos.75/2, 70,71,72, 73/1, 73/2, 76, 80/1, 80/4, 62/4, 62/2, 77/1, 59, 60, 81/4+5, 82/2, 82/3, 82/10, 82/4, 82/6, 81/7, 81/8, 82/13, 81/38, 81/1, 83/2, 82/1, 82/7, 82/5, 82/8, 82/9, 98/1, 100/3, 81/6, 95/4, 61, 72 of Ganikoppa Village, Bailahongala Taluk, Belagavi District, Karnataka.

As Per Environment Impact Assessment Notification dated: 14.09.2006 and Amendment dated: 09.05.2022, the Project Proponent has to obtain prior Environmental Clearance from Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, GOI and is required to go through Environmental Public Hearing process. As per the Terms of Reference letter No: J-11011/272/2022-IA-II(I) dated: 03.08.2022 issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi and request letter of the project proponent received at Board office on 28.02.2023, the Environmental Public Hearing is being conducted by KSPCB.

The details of the project are as follows:

1. Name of the Company & address: M/s. Angadi Sugars and Power Limited. Shri Laxmi Complex, 4855/83, 1st Cross, APMC Road, Sadashiv Nagar, Belagavi-590019.

2. Location of proposed Project: Sy Nos.75/2, 70,71,72, 73/1, 73/2, 76, 80/1, 80/4, 62/4, 62/2, 77/1, 59, 60, 81/4+5, 82/2, 82/3, 82/10, 82/4, 82/6, 81/7, 81/8, 82/13, 81/38, 81/1, 83/2, 82/1, 82/7, 82/5, 82/8, 82/9, 98/1, 100/3, 81/6, 95/4, 61, 72 of Ganikoppa Village, Bailahongala Taluk, Belagavi District, Karnataka.

3. Project proposed: Establishment of Sugarcane Crushing Plant of capacity 5000 TCD, Co-generation power plant of 25 MW & Multi feedstock Distillery Plant of capacity 200 KLPD.

4. Date, time and venue of Environmental Public Hearing: Date: 12.07.2023 (Wednesday). Time: 11:00 A.M Place: Project site, M/s. Angadi Sugars and Power Limited, Sy No.82, Ganikoppa Village, Bailahongala Taluk, Belagavi District.

5. Places of availability of project documents as per EIA Notification, which is kept open to public are: (a) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Belagavi District, Belagavi. (b) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Belagavi District, Belagavi. (c) District Industries Centre, Belagavi District, Belagavi. (d) Office of the Regional Officer, Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Building No.1st Main Road, Auto Nagar, Kanbargi Industrial Area, Belagavi-590015. (e) Ganigoppa Village Panchayat, Bailahongala Taluk, Belagavi District. (f) Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change South Zone Office, E-3/240, Kendriya Sadan, 4th Floor, E&F Wings, 17th Main Road, 2nd Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru – 560 034. (g) HELP DESK, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Ground Floor, No.49, Parisara Bhavana, Church Street, Bengaluru – 560 001.

NOTE: Suggestions, views, comments and objections of interested bonafide residents, environmental groups and others located at project site and likely to be affected by the proposed project are invited within 30 days from the date of publication of this Notification to make oral/written/E-Mail suggestions to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board Deputy Commissioner, Belagavi District. Interested public can participate in the Public Hearing at the above place. **For details please visit our Website: kspcb.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
MEMBER SECRETARY

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Possession Notice (For Immovable Property) Rule 8-(1)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of IIFL Home Finance Limited (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) (II FL-H FL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) mad with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, a Demand Notice was issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower/Co-Borrowers mentioned herein below to repay the amount notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Rules. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **IIFL HFL** for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon. The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, If the borrower dears the dues of the **"IIFL HFL"** together with all costs. charges and expenses incurred, at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured assets shall not be sold or transferred by **"IIFL HFL"** and no further step shall be taken by **"IIFL HFL"** for transfer or sale of the secured assets.

Name of the Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s)	Description of the Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Total Outstanding Dues (Rs.)	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession
Associated Electricals Associated Industrial Enterprises Mrs.Beena Savitha Laxmi Fabrics Mr.Niranjan R Mr.Ram Murthy R Mr.Ramkishore R Mrs.Seema R Parmar Mrs.Sheetal R **Prospect No 784190, 916111, 921570, 938582 and 963977**	All that piece and parcel of Property Bearing:- All that Piece and Parcel of the Property Site No.280, Total Area Ad Measuring 2,360Sq.Ft, comprised in Sri Anjaneyaswamy House Building Co-Operative Society Ltd, Sree Nagar Extension, in Survey No.67/2, 68/4, 69 and 79/3 of Chikkalasandra Survey No. 12/3, 12/4, 12/5 and 12/6 of Arehalli and Survey No. 4 and 5 of Utrahalli Villages, Utrahalli Hobli, South Taluk, Bengaluru, 560050, Karnataka, India. **Bounded By:- East-** Site No.279 **West-** Site No. 281 **North-** Site Nos. 271 and 272 **South-** Road	**784190 is ₹ 3,42,29,803.00/-** (Rupees Three Crore Forty Two Lakh Twenty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Three Only) **and 916111 is ₹ 22,84,606.00/-** (Rupees Twenty Two Lakh Eighty Four Thousand Six Hundred Six Only) **and 921570 is ₹ 54,32,120.00/-** (Rupees Fifty Four Lakh Thirty Two Thousand One Hundred Twenty Only) **and 938582 is ₹ 56,26,267.00/-** (Rupees Fifty Six Lakh Twenty Six Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Seven Only) **and 963977 is ₹ 34,97,779.00/-** (Rupees Thirty Four Lakh Ninety Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Nine Only)	23-Dec-2022	8-June-2023

For, further details please contact to Authorised Officer at **Branch Office:** "ADAM CHAMBERS," #11, Richmond Road, Bengaluru - 560025 **or Corporate Office :** IIFL Tower, Plot No. 98, Udyog Vihar, Ph-IV Gurgaon, Haryana.

Place : Bengaluru ; Date : 12-06-2023 **Sd/-, Authorised Officer, For IIFL Home Finance Ltd.**

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE (DRT - 2)

BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore – 560 001.

Case No. O.A. No.560/2022

Between: Canara Bank, J.P Nagar II Phase Branch, JP Nagar II Phase Bengaluru - 560 078 **...Applicant**

And:

Sri. Mallesh Kumar. S ...Defendant

SUMMONS / NOTICE ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 BY WAY OF SUBSTITUED SERVICE :

To, Defendant:

Sri. Mallesh Kumar S. S/o Late Sundar Raju R/at No. 848, 11th Cross RBI Layout, JP Nagar 7th Phase Bengaluru - 560 078.

And also at : Flat No. 102, 1st Floor "Neha Sadan", Property No.7, Old No. 193, Singasandra Village Ward No. 171, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk Bengaluru - 560 068.

Whereas, the Applicant has instituted an Application under Section 19, of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 against the defendant for recovery of sum of **Rs. 67,40,018.31** (Rupees Sixty Seven Lakhs Forty Thousand Eighteen and Paise Thirty One only) mentioned therein together with Current and future interest, costs and other reliefs. You are hereby required to show cause within 30 from the date of publication of the summons on or before **11-08-2023 at 10:30 A.M.** in person or by Pleader / Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief's prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this **the 15th day of May 2023**

By order of the Tribunal
Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal -II Bangalore.

IN THE COURT OF THE 9th ADDL. DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE, BANGALORE RURAL AT BANGALORE

P & S.C. No. 27/2023

BETWEEN : 1. Sri. Munigangappa S/o Venkatappa Aged about 61 years, **2. Sri. Lakshminarayana** S/o Venkatappa, Aged about 58 years, **3. Sri Krishnappa** S/o Venkatappa Aged about 56 years, **4. Sri Muniraju** S/o Venkatappa, Aged about 53 years, **5. Sri. Channarayappa** S/o Venkatappa, Aged about 47 years, All are R/at. Gundur Village, Virgonagar Post, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru - 560 049. **...PETITIONERS**

AND: NIL ...RESPONDENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the petitioners are all family members, and one Late Smt. Munivenkatamma W/o Munishamappa who died on 04-10-2008, during her lifetime had executed a registered Will dated 21-12-2000 bequeathing the schedule properties in favour of the petitioners, hence the petitioners filed the above petition for issuance of PROBATE CERTIFICATE under Section 264 of Indian Succession Act 1925 from this Hon'ble Court. Whereas it is required to seek objections from the persons who have any interest/claim over the schedule property.

Anybody who has objection/s or interest over the schedule property is hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble court **on 21.07.2023 at 11.00 AM** in person or through advocate/pleader to answer the questions to the same failing which the petition will be heard and determined ex-parte.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

ITEM No. 1 : All that piece and parcel of the properties bearing Old Sy.No.61, New Sy.No. 95/1 land measuring 02 Acres 20 Guntas, situated at Gundur Village, Bidarahalli Hobli Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru and bounded on:

East by: Property belongs to Subba Rao, **West by :** Property belongs to Krishnappa S/o. Nanjappa, **North by :** Property belongs to Munichinnappa, **South by :** Property belongs to Muni Erappa.

ITEM No.2 : All that piece and parcel of the properties bearing Old Sy.No.61/P9, New Sy.No.61, land measuring 01 Acre, situated at Gundur Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru and bounded on:

East by : Property belongs to Rathnamma & Munivenkatamma, **West by :** Property belongs to Krishnappa S/o. Nanjappa, **North by :** Property belongs to Anjinappa, **South by :** Land in Sy.No.61 belongs to Petitioners.

ITEM No. 3 : All that piece and parcel of the properties bearing Old Sy.No. 61/P10, New Sy.No.61, land measuring 05 Acres, situated at Gundur Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru and bounded on :

East by : Property belongs to Rathnamma & Munivenkatamma, **West by :** Property belongs to Krishnappa S/o. Nanjappa, **North by :** Land in Sy.No.61 belongs to petitioners, **South by :** Road.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on the 06.06.2023.

By Order of the Court,
Chief Administrative Officer,
District & Sessions Court,
Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore.

Address of the Advocate :
Sri Ashoka .R, Advocate
No.4/2, 2nd Floor, Shamsuddin Block, HHS & HMS Complex, Cubbonpet Main Road, Bangalore - 560 002. Mob: 9535495356

MAHAGENCO Maharashtra State Power Generation Co. Ltd.

E-TENDER NOTICE

Name of Work	"Additional works of emergency cross-over line, combined S&T for 2x500 MW yard and 1x660 MW railway yard, Auto telephone facility and FOIS system connectivity not covered in EPC contract for 1 x 600 MW replacement unit, at **Bhusawal Thermal Power Station** for MSPGCL".	"Civil work for emergency cross over line of 2x 500 MW and new 1x660 MW unit yard for 1 x 600 MW replacement unit, at **Bhusawal Thermal Power** Station for MSPGCL".	Engineering, Supply, Erection & commissioning work in railway siding Over Head Equipment 1 x 600 MW replacement unit, at **Bhusawal Thermal Power** Station for MSPGCL".
RFX No.	3000038695	3000038815	3000038767
Estimated Cost	₹. 21,14,78,104/-	₹. 10,92,15,033/-	₹. 01,48,81,768/-
E.M.D (By E-Payment only)	₹. 21,14,781/-	₹. 10,92,150/-	₹. 1,48,817/-
Tender Fee	₹. 17700/-	₹. 17700/-	₹. 5900/-

Issue Date : 12.06.2023 to 30/06/2023 Upto 18:00 Hrs , **Last Date of Submission:** 03/07/2023 Upto 17.00 Hrs.,
Contact Person : Chief Engineer(Civil)-I, MSPGCL, Estrella Batteries Expn Bldg., Plot No.1, Matunga, Mumbai-19.)
Tel. No. (022-69425000 / 02269425010). For further details visit our Website: https://eprocurement.mahagenco.in .
Agencies are requested to register themselves for future E – Tenders.

Chief Engineer (C) - I

TAMIL NADU URBAN HABITAT DEVELOPMENT BOARD
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, NORTH CIRCLE – II

NOTICE INVITING e - TENDER

1) **Name of the work: Construction of 1526 tenements using Pre-Fabricated Concrete Technology on Lump-Sum Turnkey Design & Build basis including all services such as Internal and External water supply, sanitary, electrification and development works at i) Andimaniyam Thottam scheme (702 tenements) (Stilt + 13 storied), (Stilt + 5 Storied) and (Stilt + 4 Storied) in Greater Chennai Corporation Division No. 126, Zone – IX, ii) Gandhi Nagar scheme (500 tenements) (Ground + 4 Storied) in Greater Chennai Corporation Division No. 96, Zone - VIII and iii) Goyathoppe scheme (324 tenements) (Ground + 5 Storied) in Greater Chennai Corporation Division No. 63, Zone - V under HFA of PMAY (AHP).**

TENDER REFERENCE No. TNUHDB/400/D1/SE(NC-II)/2023

The Superintending Engineer, North Circle - II on behalf of **Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board** invites submission of online bids from eligible bidders for the contract package named above. Bids are invited under two cover system to be uploaded in the online web portal **https://tntenders.gov.in**

Detailed Notice of Invitation of Bids and the Pre-Qualification Criteria and the Bid document for the above package would be available at **https://tntenders.gov.in** starting from **12.06.2023** Deadline of bid submission is **upto 12:00 Noon on 12.07.2023.** All required information are provided in the bid document.

Bidders may contact **Superintending Engineer, North Circle - II, TNUHDB** through **Email: sechennainorthcircle2@gmail.com** for any other information on bidding process.

DIPR/ 2973 /TENDER/2023 **Superintending Engineer North Circle-II**

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TAMIL NADU URBAN HABITAT DEVELOPMENT BOARD
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, EAST - II CIRCLE

NOTICE INVITING e - TENDER

1) **Name of the work: Construction of 2322 tenements Using Prefabricated Concrete Technology on Lump-Sum Turnkey Design & Build basis including all services such as Internal and External water supply, sanitary, electrification and development works at (i) Kotturpuram scheme (1800 tenements with S+6 pattern) in Greater Chennai Corporation Dn No. 170 and (ii) Appavoo Nagar and Subbupillai Thottam scheme (522 tenements with S+6 pattern) in Greater Chennai Corporation Dn. No. 169 under HFA under - PMAY.**

TENDER REFERENCE No.TNUHDB/181/HD/Superintending Engineer (East-II)/2023

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Bidders may contact **Superintending Engineer, East - II Circle, TNUHDB** through Email: **seeast2circle@gmail.com** for any other information on bidding process.

DIPR/ 2974/TENDER/2023 **Superintending Engineer East - II Circle**

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Banks likely to hit pause button on Fixed Deposit rate hike

Experts say banks might maintain current interest rates in FDs, however, investors seeking to maximise their returns may remain invested

SACHIN KUMAR @Mumbai

DEPOSITORS hoping to pocket some extra returns from Fixed Deposits (FD) of banks are set to get disappointed. With increased liquidity in the banking system, the tide has turned in favour of banks and they are unlikely to hike interest rates on FDs in the current year. The rates are either likely to stay at current levels or may head downward also, according to experts.

Future trajectory of FD rates

As widely expected, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) hit the pause button again on repo rate hike in its latest monetary policy review. The RBI has increased the monetary policy rate by 250 basis points during the current rate hike cycle. The weighted average bank deposit rates for one-year fixed deposits and the lending rate have increased by 70 to 80 basis points during the same period. Banks pass on this hike in repo rates to their customers gradually.

Prior to the announcement of withdrawal of ₹2,000 banknotes, it was anticipated that banks would continue to transmit past rate increases by the RBI, even after the RBI ceased raising rates. In the recent past, bank credit grew significantly faster than deposits, resulting in a sharp decline in systemic liquidity surplus. This was the additional factor which indicated that banks would continue to raise rates.

"Recent demonetisation has resulted in an increase in deposits, which has decreased the cost of funds and created a significant surplus of systemic liquidity. As a result, banks are less compelled to raise deposit rates and pass on the costs to lending rates. In light of this, we anticipate that banks will maintain their fixed deposit and lending rates for the next couple of quarters," Sujan Hajra, Chief Economist and Executive Director, Anand Rathi Shares and Stock Brokers told TNIE.

"A modest reduction in these rates cannot be ruled out, particularly from banks with large excess liquidity. This flat or downward bias of bank interest rates would continue, however, as long as the additional deposits that have entered the banking system as a result of demonetisation remain in the banking system," he added.

Interest rates on Fixed Deposits of banks

FD tenures	Interest rate range (in %)
6 months	4.25-5.75
1 year	5-6.8
2 years	5-7.26
3 years	5.-7
5 years	5.25-7

Increased liquidity

The increase in liquidity in the banking system means that there will be no additional pressure on the lenders to raise interest rates on FDs to mobilise funds. The situation has changed dramatically over the past few months in banking. A few months earlier the banks were competing to attract depositors by raising interest rates on FDs.

"Deposit of ₹2,000 notes has provided a significant boost to liquidity and has released the pressure on the banks to raise deposit rates further. Amidst sudden surge in banking system liquidity, a broad-based reduction in the deposit rates looks unlikely. Some banks have liquidity surplus while some have deficit, so the decision to alter deposit rates will vary from bank to bank, so no bank will take a chance to lose market share," Soumyajit Niyogi, Director - Core Analytical Group, India Ratings & Research told TNIE.

"However, we may see some cut in deposit rates in certain durations of FDs. There may be some softening in rates of FD of shorter duration. Some banks may cut interest rates on FDs with a duration of less than 1 year," Niyogi added.

This increase in liquidity has been driven by the increase in government spending, decline in the currency in circulation and redemption of government bonds. The decision to withdraw ₹2,000 currency notes from circulation further boosted short-term liquidity in the banking system.

According to the RBI, about 50% of the total ₹2,000 notes, valuing ₹1.8 lakh crore, have returned to the banks and about 85% of them are coming back as deposits into the bank accounts. As of March 31, ₹2,000 notes worth ₹3.62 lakh crore were in circulation.

The average daily outstanding net liquidity in the banking system was already in surplus. Liquidity surplus in the system has again increased with the Net LAF absorption at ₹2.2 lakh crore as on 7 June from an average of ₹1 lakh crore in April-May this year.

"Even the deposit of ₹2,000 notes in banks has added to the liquidity. Bank deposits are likely to increase by at least Rs2 lakh crore assuming some of the notes would already be with banks in currency chests. Overall deposit growth in FY24 should grow over 11% y-o-y. This will effectively imply that spate of deposit rate hikes could be a thing of the past," noted a recent SBI report.

Should you invest in FDs?

As interest rates are likely either to remain at current levels or fall, experts say that retail investors can choose this time to invest in FDs to maximise their returns. However, the decision to invest in FDs by individuals should be taken only after assessing their financial goals and liquidity requirements. "It appears that interest rates will likely remain at their current levels throughout the current financial year. For investors seeking to maximise their earnings, this presents an opportunity to consider investing in FDs. By capitalising on the current higher interest rates, individuals can secure a steady and attractive return on their investment," Anita Gandhi, Whole Time Director, Head of Institutional Business, Arihant Capital Markets said.

"FDs provide a reliable and low-risk avenue for growing savings, and with interest rates expected to remain stable in the near term, they offer a viable option for those seeking stable returns," she said. By locking in funds for a suitable duration, investors can benefit from the higher interest rates and enjoy the peace of mind that comes with a predictable income stream, she added.

MONEY MATTERS

WHERE WOULD YOU BE WHEN SENSEX REACHES 1,00,000

FINANCIAL KNOWLEDGE

RAJAS KELKAR

(The author is editor-in-chief at www.moneyminute.in)

INVESTING is all about relative valuations. The stock market is an aggregation of people divided into beliefs. Those who believe 'half glass full' and those who think 'half glass empty'. They arrive at their beliefs by analysing data and soaking knowledge about businesses they fancy. There is no right or wrong between the two beliefs. The market needs people with diverse viewpoints. That allows you to buy when prices are low and sell when prices are high.

Over the past couple of weeks, there has been a lot of discussion about the S&P BSE Sensex, a key benchmark index, touching 1,00,000. Nobody thinks that the Sensex will not get there. They believe it will get there sooner than you think. Christopher Wood, head of research at Jefferies, a global bank, thinks it would take about five years. However, television pundits hope it could hit that mark earlier, taking into account the 'earnings catchup' happening in India.

Benchmark indices like the Sensex and Nifty have not moved significantly over the past 12-18 months. However, the profits of businesses that make up these indices grew sharply. At that time, the price-earnings multiple of Indian markets was in the over-valued zone. Typically, that is the estimate analysts put out based on expected profits a year ahead. It was well over 20 times those profits. However, with prices not moving anywhere and profits growing, that multiple has decreased to near long-term averages. That makes Indian equities an attractive proposition.

The macroeconomic picture also backs the valuation theory. The confidence shown in India's growth story by multilateral institutions like the World Bank, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) indicates that the economy will stand out amidst a turbulent situation in the rich world. While they are talking about high inflation and a recession in the rich world, in India, the debate is about growth. Inflation, which hovered over 6% for several months, is now below that mark. However, RBI keeps an eye on the inflation outlook and keeps borrowing rates unchanged. There are no discussions on any rate cuts soon.

Inflation is the biggest enemy of your investments. However, if that is likely to stay at the same level or trend down and growth is likely to be steady in India, businesses riding on the Indian market could continue to perform. They would generate profits at a faster clip. As an investor, that is good news for you. However, you must determine whether you wish to be a trader or an investor. After a surge during and after COVID-19, the new registrations for a demat account are falling. A country of 140 crore has 3.2 crore active demat accounts. That means barely 2.4% of the people directly buy or sell shares. Most of your money goes into buying property. Property prices in the top seven cities in India are rising as the overall inventory developers held fell, according to investment bank Jefferies. The consumption story primarily drives India's growth. About two-thirds of the GDP is made up of consumption. However, critical macroeconomic data shows that private consumption slowed in India even before the COVID-19 pandemic hit the country.

It has marginally recovered as the rich in India are spending more money on travel and other high-end consumption. The Reserve Bank of India puts out a consumer confidence survey every quarter. That is inching up steadily. It is still below the pre-COVID-19 phase. However, that steady inching up of the index should give you hope of faster future growth.

When people across rich and poor households spend money, businesses can grow and profit from that spending. There are still some worries about jobs and inflation. However, the government's effort to control inflation and boost growth by spending on infrastructure will likely add to the growth effort.

That means the Sensex could march forward and top that 1,00,000 mark. You must continue systematically investing in equity assets and stay invested for as long as possible.

For investors

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LARGE & MID CAP – SCANNING CONTENT & TRACK RECORD

FINANCIAL ADVICE

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(Views expressed here are personal)

IN my last column, we had commenced with a discussion on the category of Large and Mid-Cap Funds and how it can be considered by investors to get a slice of both the Large as well as the Mid-Cap category of funds as per SEBI's classification of funds.

Let us now proceed to turn the spotlight on some randomly selected funds in this space, namely DSP Equity Opportunities Fund, HSBC Large and Mid Cap Fund, Nippon India Vision Fund, Sundaram Large and Mid Cap Fund and Tata Large & Mid Cap Fund.

DSP Equity Opportunities Fund is an Equity Large and Mid Cap fund with an AUM of ₹7,326 crore. The current asset allocation mix is nearly 55% in Large Cap, 36% in Mid Cap and 9% in Small Cap and others. Its top equity holdings are in the banks, software and pharmaceutical sectors. The performances of this fund over a 1-year, 3-year and 5-year time period are 15.17%, 24.88% and 12.03%, respectively.

Sundaram Large and Mid Fund is an Equity Large and Mid Cap fund with an AUM of ₹5,024 crore. The current Asset allocation mix is nearly 57% in Large Cap, 37% in Mid Cap and 6% in Small Cap and others. Its top equity holdings are in the finance, automobile and technology sectors. The performances of this fund over a 1-year, 3-year and 5-year time period are 13.57%, 25.85% and 11.47%, respectively.

HSBC Large and Mid Fund is an Equity Large and Mid Cap fund with an AUM of ₹ 2,043 crore. The current asset allocation mix is nearly 53% in Large Cap, 37% in Mid Cap and 10% in Small Cap and others. Its top equity holdings are in the finance, capital goods and automobile sectors. The performances of this fund over a 1-year and 3-year time period are 17.99% and 23.89%, respectively.

Nippon India Vision Fund is an Equity Large and Mid Cap fund with an AUM of ₹ 3,120 crore. The current asset allocation mix is nearly 59% in Large Cap, 39% in Mid Cap and 2% in Small Cap and others. Its top equity holdings are in the finance, energy and healthcare sectors. The performances of this fund over a 1-year, 3-year and 5-year time period are 14.30%, 27.53% and 11.10%, respectively.

Tata Large & Mid Cap Fund is an Equity Large and Mid Cap fund with an AUM of ₹ 4,043 crore. The current asset allocation mix is nearly 53% in Large Cap, 38% in Mid Cap and 9% in Small Cap and others. Its top equity holdings are in the finance, services and consumer staples sectors.

The performances of this fund over a 1-year, 3-year and 5-year time period are 21.26%, 27.12% and 14.52%, respectively.

While the past is no guarantee of future performances, there is some comfort to be derived from the past performances of these funds.

Selection of funds from a category though needs to be customised and is best left to a professional who has risk profiled the investor.

Macro data, Fed meet outcome likely to guide equity markets this week

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

Macro-economic data and the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) outcome are likely to be the main driving force for the Indian equity market this week after bears made a comeback during the last two sessions of previous week following the RBI's tough stance on keeping inflation in check.

The two benchmark indices, Nifty and Sensex, made a minor gain last week to settle at 18,563.40 and 62,625.63 levels, respectively.

Among the key data, India's consumer inflation and wholesale Inflation, Industrial Production data, Manufacturing Output, forex reserve and trade balance will be out this week. Some key global events such as US CPI data and FOMC meeting will also be in focus as they may decide the future course of action taken by central banks worldwide. The Federal Reserve on June 14 is expected to announce a pause in the rate hike cycle after 11 consecutive rate hikes. The European Central Bank (ECB) and Bank of Japan (BoJ) will also announce their policy decisions.

"Market participants are now eagerly awaiting the release of domestic inflation data for May, which is anticipated to show a cooling down from the current level of 4.7%. Global cues will also play a significant role in shaping the market trend, with investors closely monitoring the outcomes of the FOMC meeting and the US inflation print," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial services.

Siddhartha Khemka, Head - Retail Research at Motilal Oswal Financial Services Ltd, said, "The overall structure of the market remains positive, supported by lower volatility, healthy macros, and consistent Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) buying."

Commenting on the technical outlook, Arvinder Singh Nanda, Senior Vice President, of Master Capital Services, said that the Nifty index has formed a shooting star candlestick pattern which suggests a possible reversal in the current trend. "As a result, we anticipate the price to pave the way for the support zone of 18480-18460, in close proximity to the 21-day EMA. A decisive break below this support level may lead to a further decline towards 18320," said Nanda.

Only $102 million FDI from GIFT City so far

DIPAK MONDAL @ NEW DELHI

Investors or funds at GIFT City in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, have brought in $102 million in foreign direct investment (FDI) to the country so far, data from the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) shows.

Most of this investment has come in 2022-23. During the same year, $17 billion in FDI came from Singapore, and $6 billion each from Mauritius and UAE.

GIFT City, which is the only international financial services centre (IFSC) in India, is treated as an offshore jurisdiction, and therefore, when funds located in Gift City invests in any other part of the country, the same is treated as FDI.

The Gift City has been promoted as an alternative to jurisdictions like Singapore, Mauritius, Netherlands and UAE, which have accounted for almost 60% of the FDI in India since 2000. However, the $102 million FDI number from Gift City is far from impressive, even if one considers only two years since the guidelines for relocation of offshore funds were put in place.

Experts say that Gift City has emerged as an alternative to Mauritius and Singapore as a fund jurisdiction for investments in India, but there are not enough incentives for funds which already have bases in countries like Mauritius and Singapore to shift to IFSC at present.

"IFSC though scores well on FATF (when compared to Mauritius) and costs (when compared to Singapore), foreign investors who are familiar to investing in India through Mauritius or Singapore or any other jurisdiction do not find incentive to making investment in IFSC," says Yashesh Ashar, Partner, Illume Advisory.

He also pointed out that several foreign financial institutions looking to set up investment entities in Gift City have hit the pause button pending negotiations of India's terminated bilateral trade agreements with 58 countries even as Indian funds are exploring opportunities in these centres.

The government has been trying to attract funds to Gift City through many concessions and exemptions, but those efforts have not borne fruit going by the FDI numbers from Gift City.

This year the government amended the tax rules, bringing foreign investors under the ambit of Angel Tax, which is the tax unlisted companies pay on issuance of shares to investors at a valuation higher than the fair market value.

However, investors from 21 countries are exempted from the Angel Tax.

Curiously, countries like Singapore, Mauritius, Netherland and UAE – which are traditionally big contributors of FDI in India -- are not in the list of the 21 countries.

Experts believe this move could give a push to relocation of offshore funds looking to invest in India to Gift City since funds regulated under IFSCA have been exempted from Angel Tax.

However, Yashesh Ashar says that considering start-ups registered with DPIIT are exempt and flexible valuation norms such as price matching etc, are proposed, this change may not have a tangible impact on the decision making for the choice of jurisdictions for funds.

Nadal hails Djokovic's 'amazing achievement'

Rafael Nadal hailed Novak Djokovic's "amazing achievement" in winning a record 23rd men's Grand Slam title. "Many congrats on this amazing achievement @DjokerNole. 23 is a number that just a few years back was impossible to think about, and you made it Enjoy it with your family and team!" tweeted Nadal who had been level on 22 majors with Djokovic.

23 & counting! Super Novak gives Ruud shock in Paris

AGENCIES @ Paris

NOVAK Djokovic made clear for years that this was his goal. What drove him. What inspired him. The biggest titles from his sport's biggest stages were Djokovic's main aim and now he finally stands alone — ahead of Rafael Nadal, ahead of Roger Federer, ahead of every man who ever has swung a racket.

If Djokovic could wait this long to hold this record, he certainly could wait for the half-hour or so it took to straighten out his strokes in the French Open final. And so, after a bit of a shaky start in thick, humid air and under foreboding charcoal clouds Sunday, he imposed himself. The opponent at Court Philippe Chatrier, Casper Ruud, never really stood a serious chance after that.

Djokovic earned his men's-record 23rd Grand Slam singles championship, breaking a tie with Nadal and moving three in front of the retired Federer, with a 7-6 (1), 6-3, 7-5 victory over Ruud that really was not in doubt for most of its 3 hours, 13 minutes.

Djokovic, a 36-year-old from Serbia, puts this one alongside the French Open titles he earned in 2016 and 2021, making him the only man with at least three from each Major event. He has won 10 trophies at the Australian Open, seven at Wimbledon and three at the US Open.

Serbia's Novak Djokovic rejoices his victory over Norway's Casper Ruud | AFP

Also worth noting: Djokovic is again halfway to a calendar-year Grand Slam — winning all four majors in one season — something no man has achieved since Rod Laver in 1969. Djokovic came close to pulling off that feat in 2021, when he won the Australian Open, French Open and Wimbledon and made it all the way to the title match at the U.S. Open before losing to Daniil Medvedev.

> **I am beyond fortunate in my life to win 23 Grand Slams. It's not a coincidence I won the 23rd Grand Slam here in Paris. This tournament has always been the hardest for me to win.** — Novak Djokovic

Djokovic will resume that pursuit at Wimbledon, which begins on the grass of the All England Club on July 3.

He has now clutched the trophy at 11 of the last 20 Slams, a remarkable run made even more so when considering that he did not participate in two majors during that span because he did not get vaccinated against COVID-19. Djokovic was deported from Australia in January 2021 before the Australian Open, and he was not allowed to fly to the United States ahead of last year's U.S. Open under a rule that has since been lifted.

Getting to 23 not only sets the mark for men, but it also lets Djokovic equal Serena Williams, who wrapped up her career last year, for the most by anyone in the Open era, which began in 1968. Margaret Court won some of her all-time record of 24 Slam trophies in the amateur era.

MAJOR TITLES | DJOKOVIC

Australian Open: 10 (2008, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2023)

French Open: 3 (2016, 2021, 2023)

Wimbledon: 7 (2011, 2014, 2015, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022)

US Open: 3 (2011, 2015, 2018)

MOST GRAND SLAM TITLES (men's singles)

23: Novak Djokovic (SRB)
22: Rafael Nadal (ESP)
20: Roger Federer (SUI)
14: Pete Sampras (USA)
12: Roy Emerson (AUS)

5 Djokovic has now won all five meetings against Ruud and is yet to drop a set.

TITLES ELUDE INDIA

Knock-out losses suffered by the men's team since their last title in 2013

- **2014** World T20 vs Sri Lanka Final (bt South Africa in SF)
- **2015** World Cup vs Australia Semi-final (bt Bangladesh in QF)
- **2016** World T20 vs West Indies Semi-final
- **2017** Champions Trophy vs Pakistan Final (bt Bangladesh in SF)
- **2019** World Cup vs New Zealand Semi-final
- **2021** WTC final vs New Zealand
- **2022** T20 World Cup vs England Semi-final
- **2023** WTC final vs Australia

2017 India haven't won a knock-out encounter since 2017 when they beat Bangladesh in the semifinals of the ***Champions Trophy***

8 They have qualified for the knock-outs in eight of nine ICC events (they didn't get out of the group stage at the 2021 T20 World Cup) but haven't gone on to win the title in any of those competitions

CHANGE IS IMMINENT

Having missed their chance to win yet another ICC title, the transitional phase at the start of new WTC 2023-25 cycle will be key for India if they wish to end barren run since 2013

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LONDON

Aussie pacer Scott Boland celebrates Virat Kohli's (L) wicket in the World Test Championship final, on Sunday | AP

AT The Oval, six of India's starting XI were 34 or over, with only one player under the age of 25 (Shubman Gill). Nearly half of the players who featured in the first match of the inaugural World Test Championship cycle against West Indies in August 2019 featured against Australia this week. Apart from Mohammed Shami, the other four players were already pushing 30 or on the wrong side of it then. At the 2021 final against New Zealand, eight (six had their India whites last week, save R Ashwin and the back at home Ishant Sharma) players were over the age of 30.

In a roundabout way, this is to say that the Test team has had a settled — very much a euphemism in this context — look to it. It's pretty much been a closed shop. While they have served the Indian team well — that's perhaps an understatement considering this is a Golden Generation — now is probably a time for change. In a big way. All eras end do come to an end. The ultimately deflating 209-run defeat at The Oval did have era-ending vibes about it.

Skipper Rohit Sharma himself admitted as much in a funerial post-final press conference. "Any tournament you play, you start looking at what possibly you can do moving ahead," he said when asked a question on forward-planning for the next two-year WTC cycle considering most of the team were on the wrong side of 30.

"Obviously, there will be some talks around it and we will see whatever is required and whatever is best, whatever the brand of cricket we want to play in the next two years. Who are the guys who can do that role for us? That is the question that we need to find answers for. There are a lot of guys, there are a lot of players who are doing really well in our domestic cricket as well. It's just about finding them and giving them that space, enough time to go forward and do the job for us. It's all about that. The focus will be on that."

Of course, it is easier said than done. There's a reason why the team have been compelled to go back to players they had jettisoned earlier. Even keeping aside the injuries to batters like Shreyas Iyer and KL Rahul, the team management judged that Suryakumar Yadav would be the next cab off the rank. When you go through the list of debutants, only two players made their debuts under the age of 25 since 2020 (Gill and Washington Sundar). Worryingly still, out of all the players to have made their debuts in 2015 or later, only two (Rishabh Pant and Jasprit Bumrah) can be considered as automatic all-terrain starters.

SCOREBOARD: Australia 1st Innings: 469; **India 1st Innings:** 296; **Australia 2nd Innings:** 270/8 declared; **India 2nd Innings** (O/n: 164/3): Kohli c Smith b Boland 49, Rahane c Carey b Starc 46, Jadeja c Carey b Boland 0, Bharat c&b Lyon 23, Thakur lbw Lyon 0, Umesh c Carey b Starc 1, Shami not out 13, Siraj c Cummins b Lyon 1; **Extras:** (lb 2, w 6, nb 5) 13; **Total:** (all out in 63.3 overs) 234; **FoW:** 4-179, 5-179, 6-212, 7-213, 8-220, 9-224, 10-234; **Bowling:** Cummins 13-1-55-1, Boland 16-2-46-3, Starc 14-1-77-2, Green 5-0-13-0, Lyon 15.3-2-41-4.

With the next WTC final also being in England (Lord's in 2025), a fact that was strangely lost on Sharma, they don't have many options but to continue to grow specific player pools. "Also, I want to see where the next World Test Championship final is being played as well," he said. "That depends where we play. Based on that, we will decide what sort of players we want to get ready and what kind of cricket we want to play."

The upcoming churn could claim Sharma himself — he's 36, and, officially, India's all-format captain — but his stated ambition remains the same. "In life, you want to move forward and win games. For me, winning Championships is the most important thing rather than winning any series. So, yeah, I am certainly very disappointed but you know, I have got to keep the guys motivated, make sure, there's not too much negativity around in the changing room. And keep the atmosphere nice and healthy for the next event that we have."

India's next WTC-related assignment is a trip to the West Indies that will also kick-start another cycle. How many of The Oval XI will survive the cull? Will there even be a cull?

Kohli dismissal hastens defeat

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@ London

IT was a tale as old as time. Scott Boland found that perfect line and length in that fifth stump line. Virat Kohli, who was looking solid on Saturday, had already betrayed some nerves. Boland had already hit Kohli on the pads apart from honing in on that length. He had gotten the ball to move inwards leaving the batter unsure.

15 minutes into the day, that had already changed as Boland had managed to get a good look at Kohli; one run, nine balls, some tight leaves, and at least one ball that bounced higher than Kohli expected. Off his first ball of the fourth over, Kohli went fishing. The ball missed the bat and Australia had a DRS turned down but the bait was set. The next ball, Boland stuck to a good length and Kohli refused to take the trap.

So, Boland went fuller. And wider. Kohli went on a fishing expedition only found the outside edge and Steve Smith did the rest. Less than 90 minutes later, India lost seven wickets for 70 runs inside a session. On air, Sunil Gavaskar wasn't happy. On the dismissal, he said: "It was a bad shot. You should ask Kohli what shot he played. How are you going to do that (play a long innings) if you play a ball so far outside the off-stump?"

SACHIN SPEAKS

Congratulations to Team Australia on winning the #WTCFinal. @stevesmith49 and @travishead34 set a solid foundation on Day one itself to tilt the game in their favour. India had to bat big in the first innings to stay in the game, but they couldn't. There were some good moments for Team India, but I fail to understand the exclusion of @ashwinravi99 in the playing XI, who is currently the number one Test bowler in the world. Like I had mentioned before the match, skillful spinners don't always rely on turning tracks, they use drift in the air and bounce off the surface to disguise their variations. Not to forget, Australia had 5 left-handers out of their top 8 batters.

— Sachin Tendulkar

A night to remember for CITYZENS

Manchester City, nicknamed The Cityzens, tasted Champions League glory at last on Saturday as they posted a 1-0 victory over Inter Milan in a tense final in Istanbul. With this latest success, City completed a remarkable treble this season.

GOLDEN GOAL

It was not a classic City performance as Inter displayed plenty of grit and pressed and snapped at City's heels throughout the match. However, Rodri's strike in the 68th minute proved to be the difference between the two finalists. Rodri fired in from a Bernardo Silva cut-back midway through the second half at the Ataturk Olympic Stadium to decide a game in which City were knocked out of their usual rhythm and lost Kevin De Bruyne to injury. De Bruyne was forced to come off after 35 minutes after reportedly snapping his hamstring. Romelu Lukaku, who came on as a substitute in the second half for Inter, had a night to forget.

Historic treble

Having already claimed a fifth Premier League title in six seasons, and added the FA Cup, City are the first English club to win such a treble since Manchester United in 1999. That same month 24 years ago, City won the English third-tier play-off final on penalties against Gillingham.

'WRITTEN IN THE STARS'

Twelve years after lifting the trophy with Barcelona, meanwhile, Man City manager Pep Guardiola joins an elite club of coaches to have won the competition three times. "It's so difficult to win it," Guardiola said, before adding that City's triumph this season was "written in the stars".

> **I'm emotional, it's a dream come true. All these guys (the supporters) around here waiting 20, 30, 40 years. I've been here just four years but we deserve it.**
>
> — Man City midfielder Rodri, who scored the winning goal.

FINAL RESULT
Manchester City (ENG) 1 (Rodri 68) Inter Milan (ITA) 0.

Maiden Women's Jr Asia Cup title for India

AGENCIES @ Kakamigahara (Japan)

INDIA put up a collective show to stun four-time champions South Korea 2-1 and clinch their maiden Women's Junior Hockey Asia Cup here on Sunday. Annu and Neelam scored for India while Park Seo Yeon was the lone goal scorer for Korea. After a barren first quarter, India got going with a 22nd minute goal by Annu from a penalty corner.

Annu made amends for her miss in the semifinal against Japan, as she stepped up in style to beat the goalkeeper and give India the lead against the run of play.

South Korea took three minutes to bring it level when Park struck from the right following a brilliant surge from the right. Neelam struck powerfully to the low right of the South Korean goalkeeper to help India regain the lead in the 41st minute. India held on to their slender lead in the third quarter to seal the issue. South Korea had a lot of chances with India generously giving them PCs one after the other, but they failed to convert.

Before this, India's best-ever finish in the tournament was in 2012 edition in Bangkok when they entered the final of the continental showpiece for the first time, only to lose to China 2-5. After the win, Hockey India announces ₹2 lakh each for players, ₹1 lakh each for support staff.

India players celebrate their 2-1 win against South Korea in final | TWITTER

Would prefer 20-25 days to prepare for this final, says Rohit

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@ London

DO you blame the proximity of the Indian Premier League (IPL)? Is the pressure suffocating? Can they find a new, more liberating way to approach the game? Rohit Sharma answered some of these questions as the Indian captain tried to come to terms with yet another ICC knock-out loss. It's their eight since their last global title (2013 Champions Trophy). Excerpts of the press conference...

On the pressure of expectations

We have told the boys to play freely. We want to do something different. Obviously, we have played so many ICC tournaments and have not won yet. So, our effort is to play in a different way and try to do something different. We have been thinking that this match is important, this event is important and things are not happening (not resulting in winning titles). So obviously We will have to think differently and do things differently.

On the string of ICC losses

It is disappointing to not come out on top. You get dejected. There is no doubt about it. It does disappoint not just me, but I'm sure everyone in the changing room is disappointed because you work really hard for it. It can be very disheartening. And that is what everyone's feeling right now. But sport is all about picking yourself up and getting ready for the next big event that you have. Because, you know, of course you can dwell on what went wrong, what you can do. There are a lot of things that we as a team... we are trying, playing with different combinations, certain guys in the squad as well. But yeah, it is disappointing, but you got to keep picking yourself and try and get ready for the next one.

On the format of the final being a shoot-out

I would love that (a three-match series). But is there time (smiles)? That's the big question. But honestly, in a big event like this, you need to have fair opportunities to both teams. You know, a three-match series would be nice, but it's about finding that window where it can be fit in. But I would love to have - in an event like this, you work hard for two years and then you have only one shot at it. So, it's not really - you cannot get into that momentum that you need in Test cricket. You know, Test cricket is all about finding that rhythm, finding that momentum as well. So, I think, yeah if in the next cycle, if it is possible, a three-match series would be ideal.

On the proximity of the IPL and the final

Yeah, ideally, we would want to have time in hand to prepare and give enough rest to the bowlers. Sometimes it can be tough because playing T20 cricket, you completely bowl different lengths, different lines, lot of change-ups. And then Test cricket obviously requires a lot of discipline, hitting that area consistently and challenging the batsmen - but again you know (Mohammed) Shami, (Mohammed) Siraj, Umesh (Yadav), they all are experienced, they obviously know how to prepare themselves and get ready for a game like this. But in an ideal scenario, yes, I would prefer it if we have 20-25 days to prepare for a game like this.

On experienced batters getting out in same manner

There are a lot of experienced players in the team. You cannot really teach them how to bat. It's all about getting yourself ready. I don't want to be too critical. Reason I say that is because when we were here last time (2021 series), a lot of the senior batters actually put their hand up and got us ahead in the series. But yeah, when you have in your top six, you know, five or six batters who have experience in these conditions before and couldn't go on to get big runs... that is what probably cost us.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

EXPRESS READ

Divya, Mary bag gold-silver in Asian Women's Chess

ALMATY: India's Divya Deshmukh emerged champion, while Mary Ann Gomes finished runner-up in the women's classical event of the Asian Continental Chess Championship, on Sunday. Divya drew the ninth and final round with Xenia Balabayeva to finish on top with 7.5 points.

Ashmita, Ravi win Maldives International Challenge

NEW DELHI: Indian shuttlers Ashmita Chaliha and Ravi clinched the women's and men's singles titles respectively at the Maldives International Challenge in Male. Ashmita eked out a 19-21, 21-17, 21-11 win over Tasnim Mir. Ravi beat Malaysia's Soong Joo Ven 21-19, 21-18.

The UGC-NET is an established parameter set to scrutinise a person's ability to teach and carry on with their fundamental research. But does this exam validate what it seeks to establish? Let's hear it from the experts and students

UGC-NET: THE ULTIMATE GATEWAY?

LOVELY MAJUMDAR

THE University Grants Commission - National Eligibility Test (UGC - NET) is a standardised common exam that takes place twice a year. The test determines whether a person is eligible for the post of assistant professor and also grants Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) to candidates aspiring for research.

In 2013, the UGC announced that the candidates who qualify for this exam shall be eligible for a private college lectureship job and can use this score in their recruitment application for advertised posts in varied disciplines like management, finance, research and development and so on.

With time, the NET has metamorphosed into a touchstone to check a student's ability to teach at a university level, but there are key questions about the exam becoming more impalpable with time.

Establishing efficacy

Dr Rimi B Chatterjee, Professor at the Department of English, Jadavpur University (JU), West Bengal, calls UGC NET, "an exam quite derivative of the West", hinting that the idea of NET examinations was taken from the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) that was introduced in 1936, in the United States that accords admission to master's and doctoral degree programmes to the students.

Dr Rimi states, "Such exams eventually go out of fashion in the colonial mainland but few are still latching on to it. The redundancy shows when it doesn't measure anything useful. A lot of students come to JU for admission into PhD programmes but their research proposals are not in tune with their NET scores as advertised."

Professor Mani RSS, Vice-President, Institutional Development at ITM Group of Institutions and a career counsellor, takes the examination to be a 'measure' or a 'starting point' – "It tests those who at least have the ability to represent the knowledge gathered in a certain domain as accurately as possible."

Dr Sami Anand, Head of Department of the Training and Placement, School of CSE & IT, Lovely Professional University, too says that the exam is not the only benchmark to test a student's academic prowess.

The exam, an MCQ Maze?

Dr Rimi, who herself hasn't been able to crack it, talks about the "hidden trauma" of the multiple-choice question (MCQ) pattern where you have to produce and retain knowledge in chunks of information.

Prof Mani talks about an alternative way to the exam and asserts, "The efficacy can improve if we integrate more depth and for this, a blended pattern including MCQs, short answers and comprehensive passages can be integrated."

Dr M Manzoor Hussain, Registrar of Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Hyderabad says, even though students must prepare for the exam format which exists, "Weightage should be given to demo classes by participant where they exhibit their teaching skills and one can look for the research and publication history of the candidate."

Dr Hussain states that there are various processes to go through even after passing the exam so one must prepare accordingly

task to teach

Prof Mani adds that achieving a great score would not conveniently lead to the conclusion that a student is a good teacher or a researcher, "Ability to teach includes presentation skills, ability to tackle questions asked by students and a lot more."

Scope for evolution?

The post-pandemic time marked a change in the education sector as the medium of instruction was lopsided by the intervention of technology. The approach to various disciplines of study too witnessed a change but what about these examinations, could they also evolve with time?

Toshiba Shukla, a UGC-NET mentor and an academician approvingly states that the pattern of the examination has changed in terms of examining a student's conceptual clarity.

But there is consensus among experts regarding the change that should be incorporated into the examination. Prof Mani says, "UGC NET could consider a practicum as a part of the selection process, where, those who want to build a career in teaching should demonstrate their ability to teach both in offline and online modes, plus in hybrid mode too."

The exam, a pursuit for jobs?

Many candidates appear for the examination to qualify for the position of an assistant professor and be able to teach at universities and take up different jobs under the Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs), but does this exam guarantee a job and give leverage to your academic career?

On this, Dr Anand says that the weightage of UGC-NET is rated high when it comes to jobs with PSUs and more.

But UGC-Net is not the end of it all. Dr Manzoor Hussain states that even if UGC-NET is a common test for recruitment, there are other examinations conducted by states' public service commissions where the candidate can appear, denoting the other opportunities that are available for aspirants.

Toshiba Shukla calls the scenario of employment "dynamic". She adds, "The probability of getting a job depends on the number of vacancies available in a university.

But sometimes even with enough experience or valid scores, finding a job can seem challenging. Kurchika Nath brings our attention to the plight of aspirants and scholars.

She states, "With the mass production of PhDs as a result of the increasing number of NET and JRF scholars, there are two kinds of academic employment that people seek, some go for college teaching to escape the publish or perish culture. Others, who choose to pursue research, seek to find employment in institutes that focus primarily on research with funds allocated for the same."

She also draws attention to the factor of unemployment that is becoming common with the PhD degree holders. Having said that, there are still students who are struggling to get into good PhD programmes or seeking a job. Unemployment is not uncommon among scholars with a PhD degree."

(Inputs from Harsha Tallapragada)

How to reign over Paper 1 in UGC-NET?

Experts are of the opinion that students mostly neglect the importance of scoring in Paper 1 and this could be a reason why they have not been able to qualify despite working hard. They share strategic tips for the same

PAPER 1 in UGC-NET examinations has always petrified students despite their cent per cent confidence in Paper 2, which is based on the course they have pursued during their graduation and thereafter.

Paper 1 consists of questions from topics varying from Comprehension, Communication, Logical Reasoning to Information and Communication Technology (ICT) to People, Development and Environment that assess a student's awareness of topics and questions their inherent understanding.

Where should your focus be?

When we ask why students struggle with Paper 1, KVS Madaan, an established author and mentor associated with Pearson Education, says, there is always a certain "immediacy" at work within the students. "After the completion of their graduation, students tend to get overly preoccupied with their postgraduate coursework in subjects like Business, History and Literature, which leads to them neglecting more general themes."

prep well

He further adds that few students, while preparing for the exam, start their preparation with topics that they are already familiar with and are more generic in nature, which leads them to neglect the themes that would require more attention.

He cites an example by sharing, "A student studying Commerce might struggle with People, Development and Environment. Despite knowing their weaknesses, students tend to not gain control over it, they think it to be an inaccessible part of the paper and may not even go through it."

Toshiba Shukla, a UGC-NET mentor, an academician and a YouTuber who has been mentoring aspirants for years, called Paper 1 the 'Kingmaker', something that can have a decisive impact on your overall score.

"Sometimes students are reluctant to study these topics and focus on Paper 2 and that never works. They sometimes do not make the cut as they have only scored around 30 or 40 in Paper 1 and despite them performing well in Paper 2, they could never qualify."

Madaan also emphasises the optimal use of time. He says, "Given that many of the concepts in Paper 1 are new to them, better planning is necessary."

Can Paper 1 score more ?

Shukla on the importance of scoring in Paper 1, says, "Paper 2 alone cannot make students win the race. They have to get 42+ correct questions in Paper 1 and have a conceptual and detailed understanding of what they are studying."

KVS Madaan says that students will be able to perform better in Paper 1 by exerting less effort as compared to Paper 2. "As many of these topics were covered in their prior classes, they are well-versed with them," he says.

"Topics such as Research Aptitude and Teaching Aptitude are something that one must be familiar with as they are related to research and teaching. The only subjects that students do not study in their higher education are logical thinking and the increasingly dynamic subjects of Environment and ICT, hence, updates to these aspects should therefore, also be included in the strategy," he adds.

TIPS FROM EXPERTS

- Keep yourself updated with the current events
- Study Paper 1 and Paper 2 in tandem. Some balance is necessary to increase the likelihood of passing the exam after all
- Follow the old method of going through each and every topic and get an understanding of it
- Diligently make short notes in order to make the revision process a smoother one
- Solve previous years' question papers in order to acquaint yourself with the exam pattern
- Do not lose heart if you do not pass. Motivate yourself and analyse all your mistakes. Strategise for the future accordingly

Multiple attempts

Students, despite multiple attempts, fail to qualify for the exam, so what could be the students' renewed strategy?

Toshiba Shukla shares, "Students must evaluate and reevaluate their performance; go through previous years' question papers and practically overhaul their past preparation and start anew."

She also harks on a critical point on how students suffering from low confidence tend to desert the whole module. In order to counter this, she states that if studied diligently, Paper 1 becomes conquerable and is much easier in comparison to Paper 2, which takes some time to grasp.

KVS Madaan sees time as an important tool. "The areas that need improvement must be given priority. Spend more time and effort learning and practising those subjects."

He also lists the tools you can use for reference, as he says, "Prior year questions, reference books, online tools and other pertinent study materials should be your main focus. It is also beneficial to listen to mentors' advice."

Don't neglect topics that led to your failure in the last attempt
— Toshiba Shukla, UGC NET mentor

You can improve your chances of success and succeed in your objective of getting the JRF or Assistant Professorship by doing extensive preparation, using effective time management tips and having the correct mindset. Stay optimistic and driven to build a fulfilling career in teaching and research
— KVS Madaan, author and expert

Securing a **Junior Research Fellowship (JRF)** is no easy feat. So, if you haven't obtained JRF, what other options are available? There are numerous scholarships both in India and abroad. Take a look and explore these opportunities to chase your dream of pursuing a PhD

IF NOT JRF, THEN WHAT?

SCIENCE

INSPIRE Fellowship: Supports research in the fields of Basic and Applied Sciences

Prime Minister's Research Fellowship (PMRF): Attracts individuals to pursue doctoral programmes in Science

PM Fellowship for Doctoral Research: Endeavours to nurture leadership qualities in full-time PhD scholars

Homi Bhabha Fellowship: Supports research in Physics, Chemistry, Biology and so on

DST Women Scientist Scheme (WOS-A): Provides financial support to women pursuing PhD in Science

HUMANITIES

ICSSR Doctoral Fellowship: Support doctoral research in the social sciences. This fellowship provides financial assistance to scholars conducting research in various disciplines within the Social Sciences

Swami Vivekananda Single Child Scholarship for Research in Social Science: Specifically for single girl children pursuing a PhD in Social Sciences

NCERT Doctoral Fellowship for PhD: Promotes research in the field of education and contributes to the development of educational policies, practices and innovations

BOTH SCIENCE AND HUMANITIES

Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund (JNMF): Offers scholarships for postgraduate studies, doctoral research and postdoctoral research in various fields. These scholarships primarily target Indian students pursuing their studies in India

Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for SC/ST candidates: Offered by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment to support PhD research for SC/ST candidates in various disciplines, including Science and Humanities. It aims to provide financial support and encourage research among underrepresented communities

FELLOWSHIPS ABROAD

- Fulbright-Nehru Fellowship
- Commonwealth Split-site Scholarship
- Charles Wallace India Trust Scholarships
- President's PhD Scholarships
- MEXT Scholarship
- Global Korea Scholarship (GKS)
- Jamsetjee Nusserwanjee Tata Endowment for The Higher Education Of Indians
- UNU IAS PhD Scholarship
- Fulbright-Kalam Climate Fellowship
- Dr Eduard Gübelin Research Scholarship
- Marie Sktodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)
- Raman-Charpak Fellowship
- Boehringer Ingelheim Fonds PhD Fellowship
- IGLP Residential Fellowship Program

Major changes to UGC-NET's exam pattern over the years

The UGC-NET (University Grants Commission - National Eligibility Test) exam pattern has undergone significant transformation in the past few years, reflecting the evolving needs and requirements of the educational landscape. These changes have been implemented to enhance the efficiency, fairness and relevance of the examination process

LET'S DELVE DEEPER INTO THE TIMELINE OF A FEW MAJOR EXAM PATTERN CHANGES IN UGC-NET:

2012

A major shift occurred as the exam transitioned from a subjective format to a completely objective one. The commission decided to conduct all three papers of the exam in multiple-choice format, with two different sessions on the same day. The syllabus, however, remained unchanged

2018

This year brought substantial modifications to the UGC-NET exam pattern. Firstly, the number of papers was reduced from three to two, consolidating the test structure and making it concise. The age limit for Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) was extended from 28 to 30 years, and the duration of the exam was reduced from the earlier six-hour marathon to three hours

2019

Another notable change was implemented, eliminating the gap between the two papers. Previously, candidates had to appear for multiple sessions with breaks in between. However, the revised exam pattern transformed it into a continuous three-hour examination. British logic was also introduced in Paper One, along with various topics on Environmental Science

*These alterations in the **UGC-NET exam pattern** have brought about substantial shifts in the way the test is conducted and evaluated*

The answers that you seek

The UGC-NET examination will be held from June 13 to 22, 2023. If you are going to appear for this cycle, you surely have a few doubts. We list a few FAQs here:

FAQ time

Q What is the criteria for declaration of result?
As per UGC, 6% of candidates who appear in both the papers and obtain minimum qualifying marks in aggregate of both papers will be declared qualified.

Q Is there a chance for revaluation or rechecking?
No. There shall be no revaluation or rechecking of results.

Q How many times can one attempt the exam?
There is no limit on the number of attempts for the profile of Assistant Professor. For JRF, it is three years.

Q Can I withdraw my application form and get a refund?
No. You can neither withdraw your application nor get a refund of the application fee paid.

Q Will I be able to leave the test hall if I complete the test before time?
No. You cannot leave the test hall until the test concludes and the invigilator allows you to leave the hall.

Can I view my answers and challenge them if I feel they are incorrect?

After the test, the question paper, recorded responses and provisional answer keys will be made on UGC-NET websitesw

- Candidates who are not satisfied with the answer key may challenge it by filling the online application form and paying a fee of `1000/- (refundable) per answer challenged, through the given window. Applications received by hand or by fax or email will not be considered
- The result will be compiled on the basis of final answer keys vetted by subject experts
- No grievance with regard to answer key(s) after the declaration of the result will be entertained. The NTA's decision on the challenges shall be final
- Candidates are advised to remain in touch with the NTA websites: www.nta.ac.in or www.ugcnet.nta.nic.in for the exact dates and other updates

ANOTHER CHANCE

VOX pop

Let's hear it from repeaters of UGC NET as to why they are still at it

SUBHRANSHU MISHRA, Odisha

My family has many teachers. So, I chose academics as an alternate career option. UGC NET would allow me to become an assistant professor and pursue a PhD. I don't think appearing multiple times increases the chances of qualifying. It majorly depends on your preparation

NAMRATA PANDEY, West Bengal

My career goal is to teach English Literature and Cultural Studies at the UG/PG level. It is a tough exam to crack so failing to do so wasn't discouraging. As the syllabus and exam pattern have changed, I think multiple appearances might increase the chances of qualifying for the test

ASHWATHI VV, Kerala

Qualifying for UGC NET is important for me because I want to be a college professor. What keeps me motivated to try again is my intense desire to achieve my goal. I lost out on UGC NET due to one mark the first time and two marks on my second attempt. I'll surely write it again

ASBIYA PS, Tamil Nadu

In my first attempt, I failed to qualify by six to seven marks and in my second attempt, the gap was just four marks. So, I can see the improvement. It didn't demotivate me as I know those who have appeared multiple times but continued trying and cracked it

SUBI K VARGHESE, Kerala

When we appear multiple times, we get used to the exam pattern, learn how to manage time and understand a few strategies to study. I have appeared for UGC NET twice and the syllabus and exam pattern remained the same for the two. So, I was not affected by it

MADHURIMA SAHA, West Bengal

I want to appear for the exam as I have this urge to crack JRF. I am already NET qualified after appearing for the fifth time in December 2022 and I want to try for JRF till I fall under the age bracket. I have no aspirations to pursue PhD yet, but if I crack JRF, I'll surely apply as I'll have funding

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DAY'S DIARY

Berlin wall speech

On this day in 1987, US President Ronald Reagan stood in front of the Berlin Wall, the Brandenburg Gate rising behind him, to deliver a speech

HISTORY

The Berlin Wall was erected by communist East Germany and the Soviet Union in 1961 to keep skilled East German workers and intellectuals from fleeing to West Berlin

TO OPEN THE WALL

Reagan called for the General Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, Mikhail Gorbachev, to open the Berlin Wall

THE IMPACT

Most listeners at the time viewed Reagan's speech as a dramatic appeal to Gorbachev to renew negotiations on nuclear arms reductions

Check out the events happening in the city

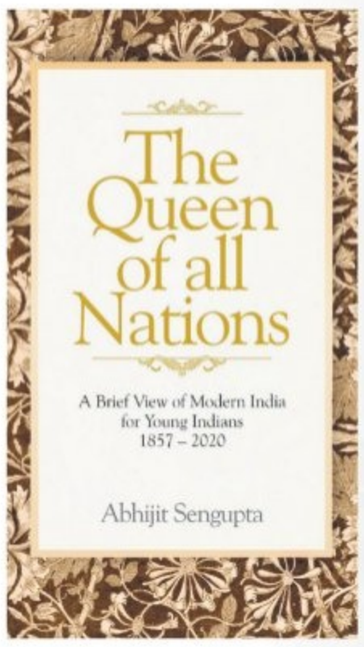
PG 2

Former secretary of the Ministry of Culture Abhijit Sengupta speaks about his new book, the need for well-researched historiographies in the 'post-truth' era and the fall of readership in the city

LIGHTS FOR TOMORROW

TUNIR BISWAS

WHEN India and most of the rest of the world were stuck in the middle of the Covid years, Abhijit Sengupta, former Secretary at the Ministry of Culture, began working on his historiography. "It was the time of 'post truth'; the reworking of our history had begun. In 2016, in some textbooks in Rajasthan, chapters pertaining to the first Prime Minister of India were removed. In 2019-20, the NCERT reportedly decided to cut certain chapters from its Class 9 history textbook. 'Where were we going?', I had wondered. I asked a couple of professors of history, whom I knew, if they would write about today's India, but there was no response. So I decided, as a citizen, to record the events of our times as I understood them. The book begins in 1857, with the first war of Independence, as Savarkar had termed it," shares Sengupta about his book *The Queen of All Nations: A Brief View of Modern India for Young Indians*.



Released recently, Sengupta says due to the preconditions of Covid during the times when it was written, he had largely relied on online material for his research. But why did he choose to write for the younger generation? "It is the young people of India, the millennials, the Gen Z, who are the most vulnerable in a 'knowledge game'. They would tend to accept what is told to them as the 'truth', but what is that truth? It is the young people who must take our nation forward. It must be their democratic world of equity and equality, they must be aware of what brought us to the times we are living in," he says. *The Queen of All Nations* has been published by AuthorsUpFront.

A longtime Bengalurean, Sengupta grieves about the declining readership in the city. "In cities we have two worlds of literature, the English literary scene and the vernacular. In both these worlds, we have outstanding writers. A few of them are blessed with the capacity to write in both languages. In English, which I am more familiar with, we have many of India's best authors who live in Bengaluru. The recent efforts at bookstore crawling are remarkable; Bengaluru has Church Street and then Avenue Road for Kannada books. And yet, there is such an effort required to get young people to read," he explains, adding that his favourite bookstore in the city was the now-shut Premier Bookshop, but now the pleasure of browsing is gone for him.

In this 'post-truth' era, where, according to Sengupta, 'the need for data accuracy, for factual objectivity, and the prevention of myth-making is most essential', the senior IAS officer says his experience as an administrator helped him pen his book. "My larger experience as an administrator certainly helped me put the administration of our nation in perspective. The modern history of India is so much a question of appreciating the laws of the land, and how quickly one law led to another. In one specific matter, where the Ministry of Culture was involved, I was able to refer to the Dramatic Performances Act, an ancient British law which still exists, a sign of colonial control. I had begun with a set of discussions to try and remove the law from the statute books, but could not go far before I retired," he concludes.

The Queen of All Nations: A Brief View of Modern India for Young Indians **is Abhijit Sengupta's third book. His first two being *In Order Of Appearance: A Compendium of Indian Playwrights in English* (only available as an e-book) and *A to Z*, a book about the special aspects of the English language.**

PIC: SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

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A night to remember...

After tying the knot in a traditional wedding, actor Abishek Ambareesh and fashion designer Aviva Bidapa had a star-studded sangeet on June 10. It was a star-studded event with Sandalwood stars such as Darshan Thoogudeepa, Yash, Malashree, Ramya Krishnan, Shivarajkumar, singer Guru Kiran and family, Jayaprada to name a few...Yash and Darshan, along with yesteryear actor and groom's mother Sumalatha Ambareesh danced to the Rebel star's popular hits. Darshan and Yash also shared a sweet moment when he welcomed Aviva to the household and offered advice to the bride and groom. Abishek Ambareesh and Aviva Bidappa tied the knot on June 7, followed by a gala reception which was attended by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Prince Yaduveer Krishnadutta Chamaraja Wadeyar, and Minister SM Krishna were among the other notable attendees.

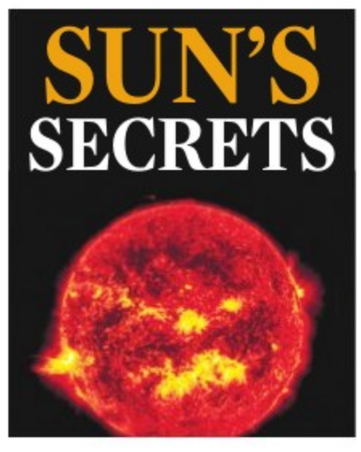
Two researchers at the Indian Institute of Astrophysics recently proposed a new metric that can quantify the image quality of solar telescopes, bringing India's goal of building the world's largest ground-based solar telescope one step closer

EXPRESS FEATURES

OVER the last few decades, India has taken massive steps towards achieving parity with the west in terms of space research and exploration. Apart from the varying success of programmes like Chandrayaan and Mangalyaan to developing launch vehicles that can carry heavy loads, the country has come a long way. Yet, the research infrastructure in India is still lacking.

The National Large Solar Telescope (NLST), proposed in the early 2010s, to study the sun's microscopic structure, is yet to take shape. A recent paper by two researchers at the Indian Institute of Astrophysics has nudged the country a step closer to the goal of building the largest solar telescope in the world. Scientists Saraswathi Kalyani Subramanian and Sridharan Rengaswamy have come up with a new metric to quantify the quality of images captured by solar telescopes, which could open up a world of possibilities for solar observation and the study of distant stars.

"It's very likely that most of the parts for the telescope, especially the optics, would most likely be imported from abroad. So one of the key considerations was how to ensure that you're getting what you need. Specifically, we needed to specify the quality of images that would be captured by the solar telescope that is going to be built, so that we could get the right optics," Rengaswamy explains.



Ground-based telescopes inevitably experience resolution loss due to atmospheric disturbances when observing the Sun. The developed metric allows researchers to quantify the impact of the atmosphere and implement appropriate adaptive optics. This essential mitigation strategy ensures that solar images captured by telescopes accurately depict the intricate details of the solar surface, facilitating advanced research and analysis. "This paper specifies parameters for both with and without the atmosphere. If the telescope is on the ground, we are losing a certain amount of resolution but this measure helps us mitigate the impact of the atmosphere. If we do not have any adapted optics, then how do we quantify the quality of the images taken by a telescope?" Rengaswamy asks.

The NLST, when built, could be a huge asset for India's space ambitions. Designed to study the Sun in minute detail, it not only helps us understand our nearest star better, but also study distant stars as well. "There are a lot of applications for a solar telescope, the foremost being that it's sort of a laboratory for studying other stars. Since the Sun is so close to us, we can see the solar surface in greater detail. We can then take whatever we learn from looking at the sun and apply it to other distant stars. We don't have the luxury of observing distant stars in great detail, because they are so far away from us, but depending upon the type of the star and combined with the knowledge of our own Sun, we can extrapolate the features of a particular star we might be observing," Rengaswamy concludes.

CITY READ

Project Mishram set to release new album

Project Mishram is set to captivate its audience by their new release 'Sera' which will release on June 30 across all platforms. It is one of the finest Carnatic fusion bands in India. They have won several battles of the band competitions and earned their place in commercial gigs. Their debut album 'Meso' which was released in 2021, also made the band reach greater heights. With 'Sera' being released, they promise to deliver a fresh sound but sticking to their roots.

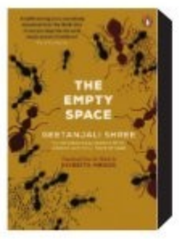
National Art Exhibition by Art Beru

Art Beru, a Karnataka-based art institution organised a National Level Art Contest and the paintings selected will be exhibited at Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath Gallery, Bengaluru till June 14. The display will include the artworks of over 80 artists. Multiple awards also have been chosen from among 15 paintings submitted by professional artists and art students. The winners will be announced at the Annual Art Beru Exhibition on July 20. The prominent guests of honour for the events are senior artists of the state and other dignitaries such as art critic Krishna Setty, dance historian Chudamani Nandagopal, artist Chandranath Acharya, artist Pa Sa Kumar, historian Kiran Bagade, and Shashidhar S N, chief secretary of Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath.

City-based foundation organises wildlife photography contest

Bengalureans on Sunday got an unique opportunity to get an insight into the world of wildlife as well as of those who protect them deep inside the forests. In an exhibition aptly titled 'Eye for Wild' organised by the Adavi Alert Foundation at Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath, awe-inspiring photographs of different wildlife were put in display. "It was a pan-India photography contest. There were five categories. We had received more than 200 and odd pictures. Awards are given to three photographers under five categories," Pavan Joshi, wildlife conservationist and founder of Adavi Alert Foundation, explained. Rajiv Ranjan, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Aneesh Andheria, president and CEP, Wildlife Conservation Trust were also present at the event.

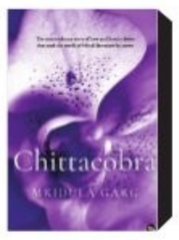
BOOK NOOK



The Empty Space

By Geetanjali Shree, Nivedita Menon

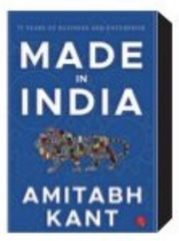
This book chronicles the memories of the boy gone, the story of the boy brought home, and the cataclysmic crossing of life and death.



Chittacobra

By Mridula Garg

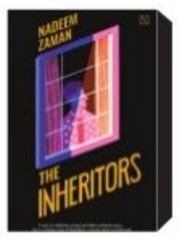
The story of an intense love affair between a young Indian woman—disconnected from her home, social milieu, marriage and husband—and a gypsy missionary from Scotland.



Made in India: 75 Years of Business and Enterprise

By Amitabh Kant

This is a groundbreaking account of the development of Indian business and enterprise from the colonial period to the present. The author offers a multi-faceted survey of the nation's business heritage and culture.



The Inheritors

By Nadeem Zaman

Weaving together a gripping sequence of events, this novel explores what it means to live in a world where power and privilege can afford to sustain relationships veneered by half-truths.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

Play the Keys

'A symphony of music' is a piano recital where you can listen to artists play and have an immersive musical evening.

WHEN: June 12, 7pm
WHERE: Bangalore School of Music, RT Nagar **DETAILS:** insider.in

THESPIAN FEST

A drama festival dedicated to the inauguration of the 50 years of the Kalagangothri Foundation.

WHEN: June 12, 7pm **WHERE:** Ravindra Kalakshetra, Sampangi Rama Nagar **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

GOLDEN SKIES

Join a sunrise trek to the Makalidurga Fort and enjoy breathtaking views. **WHEN:** June 12, 11pm
WHERE: Meeting Point Gopalan Arcade, Mysore Road
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Underground Adventure

Take your family and friends on an adventure to the country's first underground resort and enjoy a multitude of camp activities. **WHEN:** June 12, 8.30pm
WHERE: Guhantara Resort, Kanakpura
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Epic On Stage

Kaikeyi is a captivating play set during the Ramayana in the Kingdom of Kekeya that explores the events of a young girl's life before she is married.

WHEN: June 13, 7.30pm
WHERE: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar
DETAILS: insider.in

LAUGH WITH BLACKBUCK

Blackbuck Comedy is performing live and this is your chance to have an incredible night of only laughter with our local comedians.

WHEN: June 13, 8.30pm
WHERE: Klayworkz Barista, JP Nagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

MINDFUL MORNINGS

Join a yoga and meditation session where you can practice mindfulness and uplift your body, mind and soul in order to maintain your holistic well-being.

WHEN: June 13, 7am
WHERE: Lahe Lahe, Kodihalli
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

ORNAMENTAL DISPLAY

Visitors explore showpieces at the Interior and Jewellery Exhibition by JD Design at Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath on Kumarakrupa Road | VINOD KUMAR

QUICK FIX

CHICKEN KEEMA SANDWICH

Contributed by **Smitha B,** Bengaluru

INGREDIENTS

- **Bread:** 6 slices
- **Chilli powder:** 1 tbsp
- **Garam masala:** 1 tbsp
- **Ginger-garlic paste:** 2 tbsp
- **Chicken mince:** 250 g
- **Butter:** 2 tbsp
- **Onions:** 1 cup
- **Salt:** To taste

METHOD

- Marinate the chicken mince with chilli powder, garam masala, ginger-garlic paste and salt. Set aside.
- Add the onions to a pan with some oil and add the chicken mince to it. Cook for about 10-15 minutes till the mince is done.
- Spoon the mixture onto a slice of bread and top with the other slice.
- Cut diagonally into triangles and grill on a pan with some butter, till both sides are toasted.
- Serve with ketchup.

What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com

FIT BIT

SALABHASANA ELBOWS
(LOCUST POSE ELBOWS)

This is a beginner-level prone pose, a combination of Bhujangasana Variation Elbows and Salabhasana. It helps in strengthening the back of the torso, pelvis, legs, and arms. It releases tension in the pelvic area. It helps correct your posture.

STEPS

- Start by aligning to Makarasana (Crocodile Pose). Stay in the pose for 4-5 breaths.
- Consciously align the legs close to each other with the feet touching one another.
- Inhale, place your palms near the chest with elbows pointed up. Align the arms close to the upper body and exhale.
- Inhale and raise both of your legs and torso with the palms on the mat. Exhale.
- Stay here with breath consciousness, looing ahead, keeping the neck and head engaged. Focus on the lower back and leg alignment. Stay as per your capacity.
- Release your legs down and come back to Makarasana. Breathe, and repeat.
- Repeated practise strengthens the lower back and stretches the lower legs.
- Finally, relax in Makarasana.

BENEFITS

- Helps burn belly fat and relieving stress.
- Strengthens the joints, core, lumbar spine and enhances muscular flexibility.
- Strengthens the knees and the lower back and keeps the spine flexible.
- Tones the muscles, glutes and the thighs.
- Stretches the quadriceps, hamstrings, psoas, ankles, and shin muscles.
- Helps in breathing, and toning diaphragm.
- Aids the body to remain stable and strong.
- Helps to hold the posture longer, gaining better strength.
- Removes excess fat around the hips, buttocks, core, legs, and chest.
- An immediate positive energy booster.
- Removes the stiffness around the lower back, legs, and neck.
- Stimulates the digestive organs and the thyroid glands.
- Enhances the blood circulation.
- Calms the brain activity and the nervous system.
- Treats diabetes, thyroid imbalance, and osteoporosis.

LIMITATIONS

People who have injuries at the ankles, knees, hips, pelvis, rib cage, or shoulders, or undergone recent surgery in any part of the body, avoid this.

People with severe sciatica, peptic ulcers, heart issues, significant menstruation problems or prolapsed uterus, pregnant women and senior citizens, must avoid this.

By N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

RAVANASURA (Telugu)

When ACP Hanumanth Rao is assigned to investigate a spate of grizzly murders, he suspects goofy junior criminal lawyer Ravindra may have a dark side.

Cast: Daksha Nagarkar, Megha Akash, Anu Emmanuel, Pujita Ponnada

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

KASETHAAN KADAVULADA (Tamil)

A young man, his cousin and a friend decide to steal money from his stingy stepmother.

Cast: Priya Anand, Yogi Babum

- **Watch on:** SunNXT

2018: EVERYONE IS A HERO (Malayalam)

People from all walks of life face catastrophic consequences during devastating floods in 2018. The people of Kerala work together to survive the calamity.

Cast: Tovino Thomas, Kunchacko Boban, Asif Ali

- **Watch on:** SonyLIV

FARAAZ (Hindi, series)

Police spring into action when terrorists take hostages inside a Bangladesh restaurant.

Cast: Zahaan Kapoor, Aditya Rawa

- **Watch on:** Netflix

FIRE IN THE MOUNTAINS (Hindi)

A mother toils to save money to build a road in a mountainous Himalayan village to take her son to physiotherapy. Yet her husband, who believes that a shamanic ritual is the remedy, stands in her way.

Cast: Vinamrata Rai, Chandan Bisht, Harshita Tiwari

- **Watch on:** SonyLIV

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

CHINNADANTHA MAGA (Kannada)

Tamizh leads a peaceful life, he has a good job and a loving wife. But everything is shattered when his father commits suicide and the quest to uncover the reasons behind it begins.

Cast: Dhanush, Amy Jackson

- **Watch on:** SunNXT

CRACKDOWN S2 (Hindi, series)

A high intensity action-thriller Crackdown 2 starts off with a plane hijack. This new turn of events causes a grave crisis for the RAW agents where they need to figure out who their enemy is, their motivations, and uncover threats.

Cast: Ankur Bhatia, Saba Saudagar, Mohammed Iqbal Khan

- **Watch on:** Voot

FOREIGN

NINE DAYS (English)

In a remote outpost, the **life of an arbiter of souls** observing Earth through **POV TVs takes a profound** turn when a vacancy for **a new life emerges, prompting** him to confront his past and embark on a transformative journey upon meeting a woman.

Cast: Winston Duke, Zazie Beetz, Benedict Wong

- **Watch on:** SonyLIV

LIVING (English)

The life of a civil servant becomes unbearable due to work overload and loneliness at home. Things get worse when he receives a medical diagnosis revealing his limited lifetime, and yearns to discover the meaning of his existence before it's too late.

Cast: Bill Nighy, Aimee Lou Wood, Alex Sharp

- **Watch on:** SonyLIV

HERE TODAY (English)

A veteran comedy writer, Charlie Burnz, forms an unlikely friendship with New York lounge singer Emma Payge. Their relationship starts off with an extremely rocky start but they form a deep bond that kicks the generation gap aside and redefines the meaning of friendship, love, and trust.

Cast: Billy Crystal, Tiffany Haddish, Louisa Craus

- **Watch on:** SonyLIV

12 MIGHTY ORPHANS (English)

A committed football coach at the Masonic School for Orphans ends up creating a football team for the orphan boys and eventually leads them to compete in the state championship competition.

Cast: Luke Wilson, Martin Sheen, Robert Duvall

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

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Netflix:	₹199/month
Prime Video:	₹299/month
Apple TV:	₹99/month
Disney+Hotstar:	₹899/year
Lionsgate Play:	₹699/year
Jio Cinema:	₹999/year
ZEE5:	₹699/year
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SOUTHERN SPIDEY

The lines that made the new *Spiderman* movie possible stemmed from the hands of a few tech heads who hail from Kerala. *TNIE* traverses the depths of the multiverse to catch up with them

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WHILE talking to international media ahead of the theatrical release of *Spider-man: Across the Spider-Verse* a few weeks ago, the films' three directors — Joaquim Dos Santos, Kemp Powers and Justin K Thompson — had assured fans of the franchise would offer a visual treat, with new worlds and the introduction of exciting characters. They kept their promise.

The film has incorporated various animation styles to highlight each world, including paint on glass, realistic cartoons, Japanese manga, and even the texture of '70s comic books published in India to depict the character of Pavitr Prabhakar, aka the desi Spiderman. This feat was made possible by a band of animators, who hail from God's Own Country.

They are senior animators Nideep Varghese from Ranni in Pathanamthitta, Harinarayan Rajeev from Poojappura in Thiruvananthapuram and Sinu Raghavan from Urulikunnam in Kottayam, senior software engineer Kurian Onnunny Samuel from Pattazhy in Kottarakkara, and senior software pipeline technical directors Binku Mathews, who is settled in Hyderabad, and Joseph Tom Neriamparampil from Changanassery in Kottayam.

Currently based in Canada, the six-member team worked on the movie whilst at Sony Pictures Imageworks (SPI), Vancouver.

Nideep, who had worked on *Spider-man: Into the Spider-verse*, the first instalment of the trilogy, expressed delight at the chance to work on the franchise again. "The film centres around Miles Morales and Gwen Stacey's valiant efforts to save their fellow Spider-people from a formidable villain who goes by the name Spot," he says.

"We were enrolled in the project three years ago and had been working on it until April 2023. For me, who grew up reading comic books and making fan animations of Spiderman since childhood, it was a dream come true. Though we were given rough storyboards, I didn't read them. I only watched the whole movie when it was released in theatres. I wanted to enjoy it like any other Spiderman fan."

Nideep's primary contributions were to establishing Spot, one of the film's most fascinating characters, in terms of animation style. In the comics, Spot was always portrayed as a living painting, his body very much in a liquid state.

For Harinarayan, a senior animator who was involved in the character development of Spot, the task was an exploration of all the animation skills in his arsenal. "I had to participate in the character development of Spot from the initial stages of production," he explains.

"Spot, voiced by Jason Schwartzman, is a really stylised and innovative character whose movements are inspired mostly by pantomime as he does not have a face. I got opportunities to conduct a lot of animation experiments to fine-tune Spot. It is definitely one of the biggest highlights of my career."

According to Nideep, who is now employed in Dreamworks Animation, an animator not only has to draw and structure the character but also has to evolve and act in the role to conceive it in the right form. "I had to construct the emotions and actions of Spot. So, I had to act, record it, and send it to the team's head to get approval to create the same," he says.

"Animators who worked in the movie required intense knowledge of acting, body mechanics, technical expertise, and a good sense of artistic appeal."

Harinarayan, who is also the animation supervisor in the upcoming *Transformers: Rise of the Beasts*, adds that each character in the film was animated at a different frame rate. "It was a challenge for us to animate each character in its distinct art style, exactly like how it is in the comic strips. Each pose required a lot of attention," he says.

Kurian, a senior software engineer, primarily assisted in the creation of various tools for the animation studio and data management, critical tools development and related software solutions. "The first challenge before us was implementing variable frame rates," he says.

"Normally, films use 24 frames per second, but we moved away from the norm and employed different frame rates in several action sequences."

Binku and Joseph, who served as senior software pipeline technical directors in the team, ensured the project's smooth operation by identifying and rectifying the issues of each department.

Notably, Kurian, Harinarayan, and Nideep began their career with Toonz Animation Studio in Thiruvananthapuram. However, the team laments the lack of technical know-how to create big-budget animation movies in India.

"The industry here (in India) runs in a hierarchical manner. Ideas and views are not cherished here," says Nideep. "However, in Canada, during the making of Pavitr Prabhakar, we Indian animators felt that the dubbing for the character did not have an Indian essence. When we alerted our team head, they considered our opinions and even made changes."

Nideep also rues the fact that despite the large amounts of money thrown into projects in India, the animation employed lacks quality. "There isn't a professional animation culture yet," he adds.

He, however, is delighted at the Spiderman film's success in Kerala. "I got emotional watching people throng the theatres. Our viewing culture has changed. Animations are no longer just children's stuff," says Nideep.

From right: Harinarayan Rajeev, Nideep Varghese, Sinu Raghavan, Kurian Onnunny Samuel, Binku Mathews and Joseph Tom Neriamparambil

ACE IN THE PACK

Harinarayan Rajeev, who is the animation supervisor of *Transformers: Rise of the Beasts*, which will have its theatrical release in India on June 9, spills the beans on the film, too. "As the animation supervisor of the movie, I led a team of 40 animators in Canada and India," he says. "The film aims to cater to all generations of *Transformers* fans by introducing the G1 designs and a new group of *Transformers* called the Maximals, who can transform into animal forms. Voiced by Ron Perlman, Primal can transform into a giant gorilla, while Air Razor, voiced by Michelle Yeoh, transforms into an eagle. Cheetor and Rhinox are also set to make their appearance in the film." Notably, Harinarayan has also worked as an animator in films such as *Venom 2*, *Maleficent 2*, *Kung Fu Panda*, *Trolls*, and *Avengers Infinity War*.

TALKING ART

Who owns your art?

(Jitha Karthikeyan is an artist and curator, passionate about making art accessible to the larger public)

COPYCATS abound in every alley and bylane of our lives. We thrive on the easy access they provide us to things we could otherwise never afford in their original forms. Cheap versions of unpronounceable brands, China-made phones with logos intact, plagiarised love letters — we have them all. Art too often succumbs, sometimes to blatant copying and other times, to subtle degrees of the same.

In the world of art, there is but a fine line between an absolute rip-off and a tiny tweak that can pass as one's own creation. Under copyright laws, an artist has the exclusive rights to an original work; which means the right to decide how that work is used. The tricky part is that copyright protects only the artwork and not the idea behind it. For instance, in 1984, a magazine commissioned the American artist, Andy Warhol to create artworks for their article using an original photograph of the singer Prince, taken in 1981 by Lynn Goldsmith, after due credits were given to her for a single time usage. Warhol created 16 images out of which one was chosen. After the artist's death in 1987, the rights to these images went to the Andy Warhol Foundation. Years later in 2016, when the magazine used another from these images after paying the Foundation, Goldsmith was completely ignored. Litigation followed and it was concluded that Warhol did infringe on Goldsmith's copyright.

Does that then mean that all the Mona Lisa and Ravi Varma copies adorning a million walls are criminal in nature? Certainly not, if one goes by the law. An artwork is only protected for 70 years after the artist's death. Many of them, like the above mentioned, are in the public domain. With more recent artworks, most often the artist's estate holds the copyrights. For instance, if you wanted to copy a painting by Picasso that was on display in a museum, you would have to get the permission of the Picasso estate and not the museum.

In India however, copyright laws have never been seriously implemented. Proactive measures to safeguard one's creativity are hardly in place and artists are mostly ignorant or unassertive of their rights and the legal steps that can be taken in case of a violation. The consolation that remains is that ultimately what matters in art is originality. No amount of perfection in reproducing can earn one the glory one so desperately chases. Packaging another's idea with one's own resources may seem the easiest way to proclaim artistic skills, but such art will fail the test of time, for how can the birth of a splendid vision ever be copied in its truest form?

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NAME CORRECTION

I, **VINAY NAGASAMUDRA MATADA**, Aged 23 years, S/o. Eshanya Swamy Nagasamudra Matada, Residing at No. 73/10, 4th Main, G.M. Palya, New Thippasandra Post, Behind BEML, Bangalore - 560 075 and presently staying at New Address No. 112, 1st Floor, 2nd Main, 8th Cross, Mathapathi Brundavan Abbaiah Reddy Layout, C.V. Raman Nagar, Bangalore - 560 093, do hereby declare that both the names **ESHANYA SWAMY NAGASANDRA MATADA** and **ESHANYA SWAMY NAGASAMUDRA MATADA** pertains to one and the same person and that is of my father itself and consider my father's name as **ESHANYA SWAMY NAGASAMUDRA MATADA** in his Passport No. U5757585. Vide affidavit dated 10.06.2023 sworn to before A.R. Muneer Ahmed, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

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DECLARATION

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NAME DECLARATION

I, **DHANRAJ TANTIA**, aged 67 years, S/o. DEEPCHANDJI, Residing at No. G1, MALOO GOLDEN PARC ROYAL, 913/A, IDEAL HOMES MAIN ROAD, RAJARAJESHWARI NAGAR,Bangaluru - 560098, My actual name is **DHANRAJ TANTIA** mentioned as **DHANRAJ D TANTIA/DHANRAJ D JAIN** in investments. The above said all names belong to one and the same person ,ie **DHANRAJ TANTIA,** ie me, vide affidavit DATED 1/6/2023, sworn before K.V. PREMA KUMARI ,Advocate & Notary, Bangalore.

Gadhayuddha: A blend of divine and demonic forces

A SHARADHAA

WITH *Gadhayuddha*, director Srivatsa Rao has taken a bold departure from the usual by selecting a subject that aims to captivate the hearts of avid movie enthusiasts with an uncommon storyline. The research into the prevalent practices of black magic in the culturally rich regions of Kerala, Maharashtra, and certain parts of Karnataka is evident in the film.

The narrative revolves around the interplay between the divine and possession. The central character Dr. Bheem (Sumit), embodies the essence of selflessness. His sole desire is to foster a harmonious existence for the villagers, shielding them from the menacing grip of villains seeking to infiltrate their tranquil lives. Upon receiving a directive from the Police Commissioner (Sharath Lohitasva), Dr. Bheem embarks on a journey to a remote village where the dark arts of black magic are practiced.

The village Dr. Bheem visits prove to be treacherous terrain, dominated by sinister sorcerers possessing the malevolent ability to afflict individuals residing over 300 kilometers away. In his valiant quest to eradicate these nefarious practitioners of black magic, Dr. Bheem encounters numerous challenges and obstacles. Amidst the mystical and perilous atmosphere, he finds himself in the company of a scientist, (Ramesh Bhat), a sagacious astrologer, (Shivaram), and a police inspector, (Sathyajith), who tragically lost his leg as a result of black magic.

GADHAYUDDHA
Director: Srivatsa Rao
Cast: Sumit, Dhanya Patil, Danny Kuttappa, Sadhu Kokila, Aravind, Sparsha Rekha, and Ramesh Bhat

Sumit, hailing from a cricketing background, makes a grand entrance as a lead actor into Kannada cinema. While he excels in action, there is room for improvement, particularly in his dialogue delivery. Dhanya Patil too delivers a promising performance.

Moreover, it is a bittersweet pleasure to witness veteran character actors, the late Shivaram and the late Sathyajith, grace the screen one last time. Additionally, Sadhu Kokila's portrayal of a comedic police inspector, along with his energetic dance in a special song sequence, *Akki Bele Dabba*, is a treat for the audience. Danny Kuttappa delivers a convincing portrayal as the antagonist.

RATING 2.5/5

In conclusion, Director Srivatsa Rao's audacious choice of subject matter, coupled with the relentless efforts invested in researching black magic practices, is a good attempt. The film encompasses a tapestry of divine and demonic elements, woven together to create a suspenseful narrative. With its cast, including the promising debut of Sumit, along with seasoned actors, this film is a testament to the indomitable spirit of good and the enduring battle against evil.

KRG STUDIOS SECURES KARNATAKA DISTRIBUTION RIGHTS FOR PRABHAS' *ADIPURUSH*

A SHARADHAA

AFTER distributing biggies like the *KGF Part 1 & 2, Kantara, 777 Charlie, Gandhada Gudi, Vakeel Saab*, and *Dasara*, KRG Studios have acquired the Karnataka rights for Prabhas' *Adipurush*.

Expressing his enthusiasm about the venture, Karthik Gowda, executive producer of Hombale Films and the founder of KRG Studios, said, "We are thrilled to have obtained the distribution rights for *Adipurush*. It is an honour to bring this timeless and grand mythological film to the audiences of Karnataka. With its futuristic storytelling approach, this monumental masterpiece strengthens our successful collaboration with Prabhas and UV Creations. This acquisition underscores our commitment to providing diverse and captivating cinematic experiences to our viewers."

Adipurush, based on the Ramayana, is directed and written by Om Raut. Produced by T-Series and Retrophiles, the film is set to release worldwide on June 16. It features an ensemble cast including Prabhas, Kriti Sanon, Saif Ali Khan, Sunny Singh, and Devdatta Nage, and has been shot simultaneously in Hindi and Telugu, with dubbed versions available in other languages.

Adipurush, based on the Ramayana, is directed and written by Om Raut

Over a dozen celebrities unveil Prajwal Devaraj's first look from *GANA*

The film marks the Kannada debut of director Hariprasad Jakka

CE FEATURES

THE first glimpse of Prajwal Devaraj's upcoming film *Gana* was a special treat with over a dozen of celebrities including Vijay Raghavendra, Shruti Hariharan, Pannaga Bharana, Vasuki Vaibhav, Meghanaraj, unveiling the first look poster of the Dynamic Prince from the film.

Produced by Parthu under the Cherry Creations banner, *Gana* is directed by Hariprasad Jakka, a physics teacher-turned-filmmaker, who has previously worked in films such as *1: Nenokkadine* and *100 % Love*. The film, which marks Hariprasad's debut in Kannada, has Jai Anand as the cinematographer, Anoop Seelin and Harish Kome working on the music. The film is currently in the post-production stage.

Apart from Prajwal, *Gana* stars Vedika, Yasha Shivakumar, Krishi Tapanda, Vishal Hegde, Ravi Kale, Sampath Raj, Shivraj KR. Pete, and Ramesh Bhat.

A still from *Gana*

A still from the film

Rave Party completes filming, set to release in August

CE FEATURES

THE shooting of *Rave Party*, directed by Raaju Bonagaani, who has produced the film under his Bonagaani Entertainments banner, has successfully been wrapped up. The film is now in the post-production stage, and the makers are planning an August release.

Rave Party will be out in multiple languages, including Kannada, Telugu, Hindi, Tamil, and Malayalam. While Aishwarya Gowdaa makes her debut as the lead, Krish Siddipalli, Ritika Chakraborty, Suchendra Prasad, Tarak Ponnappa, and others play pivotal roles.

The shooting was completed within a 35-day schedule at various locations, such as Mysore, Udupi, Bangalore, and Mangalore.

Satisfied with the film's timely completion, director Raaju Bonagaani expressed gratitude to the dedicated actors and technicians. *Rave Party* aims to depict the beginnings of rave parties, the people involved, and the negative impact they have on the youth. The director is confident that the film's content will resonate with the younger audience.

While the music of *Rave Party* is by Dilip Bhandari, Venkat Mannam is in charge of the cinematography.

Nischith Korodi and team wrap up shooting for *Supplier Shankara*

A still from the film

CE FEATURES

ACTOR Nischith Korodi, known for his roles in *Gantumoote* and *Tom and Jerry*, is raring up for his third film. Titled *Supplier Shankara*, the film is directed and written by Ranjith Singh Rajput, and the shooting has been recently wrapped up. Produced by M Chandrashekar and Nagendra Singh under the Trinetra Films banner, *Supplier Shankara* is billed as an action drama centered around the life of a bar supplier.

Lagori-fame Deepika Aaradhya plays the lead in the film, which also has Gopal Krishna Deshpande, Jyoti Rai, and Naveen D Padil playing significant roles.

While the music for *Supplier Shankara* is composed by RB Bharat, the cinematography is by Satish Kumar E, and the art direction is by Balaji Kala. Currently in the post-production phase, the makers of *Supplier Shankara* are expected to announce the release date soon.